

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MIT

Iteration Name: 202540_GR_G
Program Name: MIT

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Blue Peetz
Recommenders Institution: Olympia High School
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.

Recommenders Title: Teacher/Farm Manager

Contact Name: Kamal Simmons

Recommendation Waiver Choice:

Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 04/06/2025 03:38 PM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000121587931

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Time since last contact with applicant:	Applicant as productive member of group:
Relationship with Applicant:	Applicant most significant strengths:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Responsibility/reliability:
Communication Skills - Oral:	Communication skills - written:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Ability to work independently:
Ability to handle stress:	Ability to think critically:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Ability to think creatively:
Openness to feedback:	Potential for leadership:
Ability to work in a team:	Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

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Other Information

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2025 Letter of Recommendation - Kamal Simmons

To whom it may concern,

My name is Blue Peetz, I am a science and agriculture teacher for the Olympia School District Freedom Farmers Program. I am also a proud graduate of Evergreen State College. I am writing to endorse Kamal Simmons for the Master In Teaching Program offered by your institution. He is an incredibly gifted educator whose values are rooted in kindness, joy, and putting student needs first.

For the past 2 school years, Kamal has served as a one-on-one paraeducator for multiple students in our program. For context, our program is a farm-based education program for students who thrive when they can connect their academic learning to relevant community work. For our program, student learning is focused on community food work and environmental stewardship. Students earn all core graduation credits in an interdisciplinary learning environment modeled after Evergreen's own philosophy and values.

Without question, Kamal has been a gift to our program and students. He has a natural ability to build trusting, safe relationships with all students, can adapt to support student learning in a variety of subject areas, and has a talent for making any assignment exciting and relevant to a student. He has experience leading academic work and learning activities for full groups, team-building activities, as well as one-on-one mentorship for students needing additional support. Yet, beyond his gifts as an educator, in a community of people, Kamal brings unyielding compassion, enthusiasm, and a welcoming spirit to all those he works with. He is such a joy to work with and watch as he connects with students and colleagues. Your program will not only serve Kamal in his journey to fulfill his passion for teaching, but your program will also greatly benefit from his energy and radiant interpersonal skills. Again, I recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,

Blue Peetz