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Natalie Smith  
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Dear Natalie,

Congratulations! Based on your documented status as a resident of California, and the academic merit demonstrated in your MES Admissions Application, the Graduate Admissions office and MES program, has determined your eligibility to enter the Master of Environmental Studies program through the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP). The WRGP allows master's students from a Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) state or territory to enroll in graduate programs offered by public institutions in the west outside their home state or territory and pay reduced non-resident tuition. WRGP tuition awards are available at the beginning of each academic year to new graduate applicants who demonstrate academic merit. Academically qualified graduate students can receive reduced tuition for up to 4-years while pursuing a Master of Environmental Studies degree at The Evergreen State College. Entering MES through WRGP will enable you to pay a tuition rate that is no more than 150% of the operating and buildings fee portions of the tuition than the regular non-resident graduate tuition rate.

This is partial waiver of your tuition will be applied each quarter you are enrolled in the MES program as you meet the residency criteria as described below.

- To be eligible to receive this reduction in non-resident tuition costs, you must submit your written confirmation that you agree to enroll in MES as a part of the WRGP **AND one of the following** forms of residency documentation from your state or territory of origin, to [graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu):
  1. A copy of your driver's license or state ID
  2. A copy of your vehicle registration
  3. A copy of your voter registration
  4. A copy of your most recent state income tax return
- Failure to enroll for at least eight credits by the fifth day of each quarter listed above will result in forfeiture of the waiver.

To maintain eligibility for the WRGP non-resident waiver program, you must meet the following criteria:

You will receive WGRP tuition each quarter if you meet all of the following criteria:

1. You are an admitted degree-seeking Evergreen student in the MES Program.
2. Enrolled for a minimum of 8 graduate credits per quarter.
3. You meet the [Master of Environmental Studies' Academic Standing Requirements.](#)

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4. You meet the residency requirements detailed at: <https://www.evergreen.edu/mes/western-regional-graduate-program>.
5. Should you take a Leave of Absence from MES for more than a year, you will need to re-apply for admission, and you will no longer be eligible for the WRGP tuition rate.

In addition to this award, be sure to check your financial aid offer from the Financial Aid office- you may also have received additional need-based waivers, a loan offer, and/or Evergreen Need Grant if you submitted your FAFSA.

Please note that adjustments to your aid are likely to occur if there are changes to your status, such as changes to enrollment status, number of credit hours, residency status, etc. In addition, increased personal resources may result in decreases to other financial aid awards including possible repayment for financial aid you have already received, including loan proceeds.

In order to accept this tuition waiver, please email a copy of one of the above forms of residency documentation to [graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@evergreen.edu) and indicate your acceptance by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you have any questions about this award, please contact the MES office at [averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu](mailto:averi.a.azar@evergreen.edu) or 360 742-8746.

Sincerely,  
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