

NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM



The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) is proud to announce our 2023 National Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum (SYP) will be having an in-person session this year.

Are you an incoming 10th – 12th grader or do you know of someone that will be in the 10th – 12th grade that is interested in learning more about: Natural Resources? Wildlife? Recreation? Fish? Rivers? Traditional Ecological Knowledge? Range Management? Forestry? Watershed? Tribal Lands? Sacred Areas? OR the preservation, protection, conservation, enhancement of natural resources? Then, the SYP is for YOU! Please Apply!



DATE: July 15, 2023 – July 22, 2023



LOCATION: Colorado State University Mountain Campus, CO



COST: FREE! Food, Travel and Lodging expenses covered



APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 5, 2023 by 10 pm Mountain Time

Submit applications to Ashley Mueller, Education Coordinator

Email: amueller@nafws.org Phone: 303-466-1725 Ext. 4

The practicum is designed to provide Native American students (10th – 12th grade) an opportunity to gain hands-on and in-lecture experience in the interdisciplinary components of natural resource management and Indigenous knowledge. One of the goals of the Society is to educate Native American youth to understand the importance of professional natural resource management and the interconnectedness to culture, as well as encourage them to continue their education and pursue careers in the natural resource fields.

NAFWS Education Coordinator will be hosting an informational webinar on the application process and program:

Friday, March 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm Mountain Time on Zoom

Friday, April 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm Mountain Time on Zoom

For more information contact AND/OR to send complete applications to:

Ashley Mueller, NAFWS Education Coordinator

Website: nafws.org | **Email:** amueller@nafws.org | **Phone:** 303-466-1725 Ext. 4

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CHECKLIST

Make sure you submit the following materials and that they are all completed:

- Completed *Application for Admission*
- Creative Submission for Admission
- *Student Emergency and Health Form & Media Release Statement*. Please review, complete and sign.
- *Student Contract*. Please review and sign.
- *Parent/Guardian Contract*. Please review and sign.
- *NAFWS National SYP COVID-19 Guidelines Acknowledgement and Agreement*. Please review and sign.
- *NAFWS Liability Waiver and General Release for Summer Youth Practicum Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19*. Please review and sign
- 1 Letter of Recommendation: To be submitted by your recommender by email. Student or student parent/guardian are not allowed to submit letter.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE IS May 05, 2023 by 10 pm Mountain Time. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED BY EMAIL. EMAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION TO: amueller@nafws.org

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

STUDENT'S FULL LEGAL NAME: _____

STUDENT'S ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: _____ PRONOUNS (OPTIONAL): _____

STUDENT'S PHONE: _____ STUDENT'S EMAIL: _____

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS/PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO BE PART OF THE COMMUNICATION THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE (UPCOMING FALL): _____

TRIBAL AFFILIATION: _____ ENROLLMENT # (IF AVAILABLE): _____

NAME & PHONE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

EMAIL OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ NEAREST AIRPORT: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE):

XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

*** STUDENT MUST BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION AS PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES ARE PART OF PRACTICUM

*** SELECT CREATIVE SUBMISSION FOR ADMISSION OPTION, PICK ONE (SEE NEXT PAGE FOR INFO):

OPTION 1: ESSAY

OPTION 2: VIDEO

OPTION 3: ARTWORK

YOUR CREATIVE SUBMISSION MUST ANSWER THESE CREATIVE SUBMISSION PROMPTS:

1. Tell us about yourself, your family, hobbies, favorite outdoor activities, etc.
2. Share your interests, jobs and/or activities regarding natural resources such as outdoor recreation, fisheries, wildlife, forestry, range management, watershed, conservation management and Traditional Ecological Knowledge?
3. What do you think is natural resource conservation? Why is it important? How does it connect to your culture, language and/or traditions?
4. What area of natural resource conservation would you like to learn more about? Why?
5. What is your opinion of natural resource management on your reservation or community? How would you improve it?

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT AND GET THIS APPLICATION? (SCHOOL, TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCE DEPT., WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, NAFWS MEMBER, FRIEND, PARENT, EMAIL, POSTED, ETC): _____

CREATIVE SUBMISSION FOR ADMISSION: INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

The NAFWS is incorporating a new idea of implementing a creative submission this year to see and allow student applicants to better express their interests in the 2023 NAFWS National Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum. We hope that through this application process that it will be more fun, inspiring, unique and motivating for student applicants to apply, express their interests, and exercise their creativity.

We encourage student applicants to step out of their comfort zones and use their imagination, creativity, and Indigenous minds to submit a beautiful creative submission. The options are below:

OPTION 1: ESSAY

You may submit an essay that is 250 – 500 words (maximum). Your essay can include or be a poem, a story, song lyrics, Native language (with English translation), wordle and etc., as long as it addresses the five creative submission prompts. Essay can be typed or handwritten, please use eligible font(s).

Submission for Essay:

- Submit your essay as an email attachment with completed *Application for Admission* and Important & Vital Documents.

OPTION 2: VIDEO

You may create a video of yourself that must be 2 - 3 minutes long. Your video can include or be you reciting a poem, telling a story, singing a song, interpretive dance, include Native language (with English translation) and etc., as long as it addresses the five creative submission prompts. Ensure that song choice for singing, overlaying in video and/or dancing are appropriate (no foul language).

Submission for Video:

- Tag us in your video caption. You can tag us on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and/or YouTube. See social media handles on Page 5 (next page).
- Email your video or a link to the education coordinator.

OPTION 3: ARTWORK

You may submit a painting, drawing, sculpture or collage that you created. If you do the artwork option, you must also submit a 250 word (max) explanation (can be bullet points). This is to ensure that we are interpreting your answers correctly, and that it addresses the five creative submission prompts.

Submission for Artwork:

- Send by mail with completed *Application for Admission* and Important & Vital Documents (7 total documents).
Mailing Address: 10645 Melody Dr. Ste. 307 Northglenn, CO 80234
- Scan or take a good quality photo of your artwork and attach to an email with your completed *Application for Admission* and Important & Vital Documents
- Email digital artwork to the education coordinator with your completed *Application for Admission* and Important & Vital Documents.

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[@native_wildlife](https://twitter.com/native_wildlife)



[Native American Fish & Wildlife Society](https://www.linkedin.com/company/Native American Fish & Wildlife Society)



[nafws.video](https://www.youtube.com/nafws.video)

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STUDENT EMERGENCY & HEALTH FORM

(To be filled out by parent or guardian)

STUDENT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ MOBILE PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

****Please submit phone numbers and emails that are in service & that are checked frequently****

EMERGENCY CONTACT 1: (IF SAME AS PARENT/GUARDIAN LEAVE "EMERGENCY CONTACT 1 BLANK", FILL OUT EMERGENCY CONTACT 2)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT 2:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHYSICIAN NAME & ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ MEDICAL COVERAGE: _____

IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR CONTRACT HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FROM INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS): YES NO

IHS CLINIC NAME, LOCATION, PHONE: _____

HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION? IF YES, PLEASE STATE TYPE OF VACCINE (I.E. MODERNA) AND DATE RECEIVED OF DOSE(S): _____

***** IF YOUR CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION, NAFWS WILL REQUIRE A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE TO THE NATIONAL SYP. WE WILL SEND A FORM FOR PARENTS/STUDENTS TO FILL AND SUBMIT. *****

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY PHYSICAL DISABILITIES? (EXPLAIN): _____

DOES YOUR CHILD WEAR GLASSES AND/OR CONTACT LENSES: YES NO

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

ALLERGIES (HAY, ANIMALS, BITES, STINGS, FOOD, DRINKS, MEDICATION) (EXPLAIN): _____

_____ ASTHMA? _____

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HAS YOUR CHLD HAD ANY MAJOR ILLNESSES IN THE PAST 5 YEARS? _____

IS YOUR CHILD CURRENTLY TAKING ANY MEDICATION(S)? _____

DOES YOUR CHILD REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL (EMERGENCY) MEDICATION? _____

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL IS IMPORTANT:

MEDIA RELEASE STATEMENT

I, _____ PARENT OR GUARDIAN, OF _____
give permission for Native American Fish & Wildlife Society and partnering organizations of the National SYP to take pictures, videos, Instagram Stories, of my student which may be shared with partnering organizations and/or used in newspapers, television, magazine articles, websites, NAFWS social media pages (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram), LinkedIn, YouTube, TikTok, etc.), documentations, presentations and talks concerning the National SYP and NAFWS without compensation.

ÿ Parent or Guardian, I have read, understand, and accept all the conditions above:

Name of Parent (Printed): _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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STUDENT CONTRACT

Acceptance to the 2023 National Summer Youth Practicum is a privilege, but it also requires students and parents/guardians to assume certain responsibilities.

STUDENT: I, _____, as part of the 2023 National Summer Youth Practicum accept the conditions stipulated below:

1. I will participate in and be on time to all session and activities, unless excused by a staff member.
2. I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner and be respectful and courteous as a representative of my Tribe.
3. I will sleep where assigned and realize that I may be with people I have never met.
4. I understand that no one is allowed outside of sleeping quarters after 10:00 pm and that all lights must be out by 10:30 pm and that there will be a bed check every night by a chaperone. I understand that there must be quiet time between 10:30 pm and 6:30 am.
5. I will not use, bring or attain drugs or alcohol during the National SYP and I understand that by doing this, I will be sent home AT MY PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' EXPENSE.
6. I understand that I may be held responsible for any damage to National SYP equipment or facilities due to negligence, reckless or destructive behavior.
7. I understand that no water balloons or fireworks will be allowed.
8. I understand that no portable CDs, cassette players, ipods, portable speakers, vape pens, weed pens, etc., will not be allowed during the National SYP and it is NOT the NAFWS responsibility for any loss or stolen items.
9. I understand that there will be no smoking nor vaping allowed, tobacco will or may be used for Traditional purposes only (as approved by staff member).
10. I understand that foul language and/or cursing will not be tolerated.
11. I understand that during National SYP sessions and activities, I will not wear (i.e. earphones hanging from shirt collar) any headphones, earphones, and/or air pods, UNLESS given permission by staff.
12. I understand that no visitations from family, friends, etc. is allowed during the entirety of the program.
13. I understand that bullying and/or hazing (physical, verbal, emotional, sexual, mental) is not acceptable. I understand that by doing this, I will be sent home AT MY PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' EXPENSE.
14. I will adhere to these and all other rules of the National SYP including COVID-19 guidelines and Colorado State University Mountain Campus.
15. I release and waive my right to bring any claims I may have against the NAFWS and their officials, employees and agents for personal injury or property damage due to my participation in the 2023 National Summer Youth Practicum.

ÿ Student, I have read, understand, and accept all the conditions above:

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

ÿ Parent or Guardian, I have read, understand, and accept all the conditions above and overviewed them with student:

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

(To be filled out by parent or guardian)

PARENT/GUARDIAN: I have read, understand, and agree with the following terms. Permission is given for my child to participate in all activities and events, and for my child to receive all necessary medical attention should the need arise, with the understanding that I will be contacted immediately. Furthermore:

1. I understand that the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS) or the chaperones will not be responsible for any theft, injury, or illness where my child is concerned.
2. I give permission for any chaperone or staff member to render first aid, if necessary.
3. I give my consent and permission for hospital staff to treat my minor child if needed in the case of an emergency, with the understanding that I will be contacted immediately.
4. I understand that the youth will be chaperoned responsibly, and every effort will be made to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.
5. I understand that drugs or alcohol use are NOT permitted and that if my child is caught under the influence, I will pick him/her up immediately AT MY OWN EXPENSE.
6. I understand that bullying and/or hazing is NOT permitted and that if my child is caught bullying and/or hazing, I will pick him/her up immediately AT MY OWN EXPENSE.
7. I understand that as part of my child's application, the STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM is required to be completed and on file.
8. I understand that if my child withdrawal's their participation within fourteen days prior to travel date, I will be responsible for returning travel costs that were sent by check to cover mileage. Further, I may be responsible for returning the travel costs that are associated with the purchased airfare ticket.
9. I understand that if my child is not vaccinated, my child must have a negative COVID-19 test 48 hours prior to their departure for the National SYP including submitting a negative COVID-19 form to the NAFWS.
10. I release and waive any claims I may have against the NAFWS and their officials, employees and agents for personal injury or property damage due to my child's participation in the 2023 National Summer Youth Practicum.

Name of Parent or Guardian (Printed): _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR 2023 NATIVE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM (NATIONAL SYP)

The 2023 Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum (National SYP) is being planned for an in-person session for Friday, July 15 – Saturday, July 22, 2023 at the Colorado State University Mountain Campus. We are looking forward to engaging with Native high school students, exploring the natural resources fields and enjoying the great Rocky Mountains alongside our wonderful NAFWS staff.

With the uncertainties and concerns regarding COVID-19 and for the safety of the National SYP participants, staff, and instructors, we have constructed a COVID-19 Protocol. Decisions and operation of the National SYP will be based on state, federal and host orders and COVID-19 guidelines. This may cause the National SYP to run differently, but we did our best in developing our COVID-19 Protocols for the 2023 Native American Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum and may be subject to change depending on new developments, recommendations, and health orders, this is not excluding the possibility of cancelling the in-person session at any time.

The NAFWS is working hard to ensure that the students and staff are safe while having a fun, enjoyable, and learning experience.

PARTICIPANT AND STAFF SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES

PRIOR TO THE NATIONAL SYP (BEFORE SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023)

- NAFWS will provide students/staff with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks and hand sanitizer. These items will be mailed to students/staff
- Highly encouraging and [requiring our counselors](#) and instructors to receive their COVID-19 vaccination (s) prior to the National SYP
- Highly and strongly encouraging our SYP students to receive their COVID-19 vaccination prior to their participation in the National SYP, if they have the eligibility and opportunity.
- Requesting staff and student's information regarding COVID-19 vaccinations
- Students and counselor staff, who are not fully vaccinated, are required to submit a negative COVID-19 test 48 hours prior to their departure for the National SYP. NAFWS will send a form, for students and instructors to fill and submit.
- Parents/Guardians will have to review and sign a NAFWS COVID-19 Liability form.

DURING THE NATIONAL SYP (SATURDAY, JULY 15– SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023)

LODGING

- ñ Counselors will sanitize all the rooms prior to student’s arrival
- ñ Since students will be **required** to have a negative COVID-19 test prior to the National SYP or have received their COVID-19 vaccination, students will lodge together
- ñ Students will follow mask guidelines set by visiting locations and host site (per CDC guidelines)
- ñ Students will be highly encouraged to wash and/or sanitize their hands regularly

CLASSROOM

- ñ Students and staff can wear masks if they choose to, masks will only be required to be worn if host site and buildings we enter require masks
- ñ Students will be kept in minimal contact with other guests and groups
- ñ Sanitation of classroom and equipment, before and after use with CDC recommended cleaning and sanitation materials
- ñ Classroom will be well ventilated by opening and keeping open windows and doors

FOOD & DINING

- ñ The CSU Mountain Campus has a dining hall that is open daily which is where we will be having our meals. In-sitting dining is currently open.

SIGNAGE & ACCOUNTABILITY

- ñ Signs will be placed throughout the areas SYP participants and staff will occupy, reminding of handwashing, hand sanitation, etc.
- ñ We encourage students and staff to hold each other accountable in an encouraging and respectful manner.

IF A STUDENT OR STAFF, STARTS TO FEEL COVID19-LIKE SYMPTOMS AT THE NATIONAL SYP

- ñ We will follow the [State of Colorado guidelines for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools](#) as best as we can.
- ñ If a student or staff starts to show COVID-19 symptoms, we will provide an at-home COVID-19 test.
- ñ If student or staff receives a positive COVID-19 test, the student or staff will immediately be quarantined in their room while awaiting results and if test is positive. Student’s parents/guardians will be notified. Staff will check on student or staff, consistently throughout quarantine, while keeping themselves safe (i.e. possibly talking through the door or calling their cell phone).
 - If symptoms, are resolved within 24 hours, student/staff will be allowed to be out of quarantined based on the [“Return to Learn”](#) tool.

- If symptoms worsen or do not resolve, student’s parents/guardians will be notified. NAFWS will prepare student to remain in quarantine, travel home and/or visit the local hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREEMENT

ÿ Student, I have read, understand and accept all the conditions above:

Name of Student: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

ÿ Parent or Guardian, I have read, understand and accept all the conditions above and overviewed them with student:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

FOR MORE COVID-19 INFORMATION:

CENTER OF DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/adolescents.html>

STATE OF COLORADO

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans>

NAFWS LIABILITY WAIVER AND GENERAL RELEASE
FOR SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact, by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown. Evidence has shown the COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness and death. Even with social distancing, mask-wearing and development of vaccines, new and emerging variants of COVID-19 may increase risk of transmission and/or mortality.

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS), which conducts the Summer Youth Practicum (SYP), including each of their affiliates, members, employees, officers, instructors, aides, and/or agents (the “Released Parties”) cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in the SYP. While the NAFWS will require all SYP participants and staff to have either received their COVID-19 vaccination or to have a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours of their departure for the SYP, it is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in the SYP, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I have read and understand the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself, and for my family members or others who I may expose, in order to participate in the SYP. These services are of such value to me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to participate in the SYP.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY: I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against the Released Parties in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to my participation in the SYP. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims if negligence, and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

OTHER TERMS: I fully understand and agree that (a) this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Colorado; (b) if any portion of this Agreement is for any reason held invalid or legally unenforceable, then the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full force and legal effect; and (c) I have had the opportunity to ask questions about this Agreement and I fully understand its terms and meaning.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS WAIVER AND GENERAL RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE;

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (printed): _____

I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above. I have the legal right to consent to and, by signing below, I hereby do consent to the terms and conditions of this Waiver and General Release.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (printed) _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION 1

STUDENT: Please give this to an adult (over 18 years of age) who knows you and is familiar with your schoolwork, extracurricular activities, interest in natural resources or work qualities (for example: teacher, counselor, coach, job supervisor, Tribal leader, elder etc. NOT A RELATIVE). Also, allow ample time for your recommender to submit, recommended time to ask/request a letter from a recommender is 2 weeks before the deadline date. An idea to ensure submission from recommender is to send a reminder email, phone call, letter, note or in-person.

DEADLINE FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: _____

APPLICANTS NAME: _____

STUDENT IS APPLYING FOR: 2023 NATIONAL SYP

RECOMMENDER: The individual named on this form is being considered for participation in the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society's National Summer Youth Practicum. This course is designed to enhance Native Youth appreciation and understanding of Tribal natural resources (Fish & Wildlife, Range Management, Watershed, Conservation Law Enforcement, Forestry, etc.) while encouraging them to consider careers in a natural resource field. On a separate document, please address the questions listed below or use them as a guideline. Please submit your letter of recommendation as an attached letter document with an official letterhead, we will not accept a letter in a body of an email.

Your letter is confidential: Please note the deadline above (student should have filled in deadline date, time and time zone). Letter must be EMAILED BY deadline date and time to the NAFWS education coordinator. Send submission to or if you have any questions, contact:

Ashley Mueller, Education Coordinator

Email: amueller@nafws.org | Phone: (303)466-1725 Ext. 4

QUESTIONS:

1. How well and for what length of time have you known the applicant, what is your relationship to the applicant?
2. Please describe the applicant's attitude towards school and education.
3. Has the applicant demonstrated an interest in natural resources? How?
4. Does the applicant work well in a group setting?
5. Has the applicant had any disciplinary problems that you are aware of?
6. Has the applicant discussed his/her career goals with you? What are they?
7. What are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses?
8. Please include any additional information or comments that might help us evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT: _____ DATE: _____

NAME & TITLE OF RESPONDENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____