

EMERGING WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LEADERS

Application Guidance & Sample Questions

Successful applicants will have worked in the conservation field for at least three years and plan to work at least 15 more years in the field and demonstrate how they might benefit from all key aspects of the course. Applicants must be able to attend a week-long training in late spring of each year of the program, as well as a shorter training in December of the final year of the program. Participants will commit to devoting approximately eight hours per month to an EWCL conservation project.

Note: Each class cohort is selected to have a wide variety of experience in education, training, affiliation, and personal backgrounds, to allow for the most balanced participant group possible. Candidates from under-represented groups in conservation are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications are due by 5 pm Eastern Standard Time on October 31st. All candidates will complete and submit an **online application and resume/CV** at <https://wildlifeleaders.org/about/interested-applicants>. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you have trouble with the online forms, please email EWCL@wildnet.org with the subject line “EWCL Application Assistance”.

I. APPLICATION TIPS:

1. After creating a user account you will be prompted to begin an online application. You can save your progress. We suggest working on the essay questions (below) outside of the application for formatting purposes, then pasting your answers into the application form.
2. Once applications are submitted, they can no longer be edited. Partial or incomplete applications will not be considered. Please fill out all required fields and follow the maximum character count parameters.
3. All applicants will receive updates on their application via email in January. Be sure the @wildnet.org domain is on your 'safe sender' list to avoid having messages go to your spam folder.

II. SAMPLE ESSAY QUESTIONS

- 1) **WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMITMENT:** Please describe your commitment to wildlife conservation, including species and other campaigns on which you've personally worked (Maximum 2000 characters).
- 2) **LEADERSHIP SKILLS:** Please describe why you consider yourself an emerging leader in the wildlife conservation field, and where you would like to ultimately end up in your professional career. (Maximum 2000 characters)
- 3) **TRAINING:** Of the below training topics, which two do you believe you have the most strength/experience in? Which two would be most useful to you? Do you have additional training topic suggestions? (Maximum 800 characters).
 - ☐ Training topics: Biodiversity, Leadership Training, Campaign Skills, Communications/Media, Public Speaking, Facilitation/Mediation, Field Research, Policy/Legislative Process, Environmental Education, and Fundraising.
- 4) **TEAM WORK:** Please provide an example of a time you worked in a successful team setting and describe how you contributed to its success (Maximum 800 characters).
- 5) **OVERVIEW:** What do you hope to gain from the EWCL experience overall? (Maximum 1200 characters).
- 6) If you were an animal, what animal would you be? (Maximum 400 characters).

To create and submit an application go to <https://wildlifeleaders.org/about/interested-applicants>