



Student's Essay for the
Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship:

Please write a short essay (250-300 words) sharing—

- why you want to attend Nature Camp and how the experience will benefit you
- how you feel a scholarship would enable you to attend
- some of your interests in nature and/or the environment
- some examples of your activities at home, school, or community that reflect your interest in nature

Your essay must be neatly handwritten below (or you may use the back of this page).

Student's signature and date

[My signature above affirms that I composed this essay myself.]



Here's the procedure for obtaining your Science Teacher's Recommendation and your Character Reference.....

1. Identify a current or recent **science** teacher who agrees to provide a recommendation for you as well as a neighbor, second teacher, or friend of the family who is willing to provide a character reference.
2. Give the teacher a copy of the Science Teacher's Recommendation Form (attached) and the other person the Character Reference Form (attached).
3. Also, be sure to provide **stamped** envelopes for both recommendations, addressed to:

**Historic Rivers Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists
PO Box 5026
Williamsburg, VA 23188**

4. Advise both adults that the recommendations should be **postmarked no later than November 30th**.
5. Both recommendations should be mailed directly to the Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists.



Your Science Teacher's Recommendation for The Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship

Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____ Subject taught _____

School _____

This student has applied for a scholarship to the Nature Camp. The camp is unique in its academic focus. Since it began in 1942, Nature Camp has emphasized hands-on, field-based, experiential education in natural history and environmental studies. All applicants will be required to attend daily classes, to maintain a notebook/journal, to complete all written assignments, and to participate in outdoor activities in all types of weather. They are also expected to accept academic challenges with enthusiasm, commitment, and hard work. Campers in the past have discovered the joy of learning and have often returned for more of what Nature Camp has to offer. For more information and to better understand the goals of the camp, you can visit the web site at <http://www.naturecamp.net/index.html>.

Your answers on this questionnaire will help the scholarship selection committee determine if this student would benefit from the Nature Camp experience. Please help us out by sharing with us some information about this student. Please **CIRCLE** your answers to the following questions:

1. Does this student exhibit serious interest, motivation, and enthusiasm in areas of science and/or the environment?

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2. Does this student have the ability to work independently, keeping a notebook, taking notes, and writing information about activities or projects?

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3. Can this student work well in a group as an effective group member?

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4. Can this student work well in a group as an effective group leader?

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5. Please provide additional comments (handwritten) below or on the back of this page in support of this student's Nature Camp scholarship application. Thank you!

Teacher's signature and date

Please mail this recommendation directly to the Historic Rivers Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists, P.O. Box 5026, Williamsburg, VA 23188 in the stamped envelope provided by the student. This recommendation should be **postmarked by November 30th**. Thank you.



Character Reference for The Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship

Student's Name _____

Referring Adult's Name _____

How do you know this student? _____

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Your answers on this questionnaire will help the scholarship selection committee determine if this student would benefit from the Nature Camp experience. Please help us out by sharing with us some information about this student. Please answer the following questions:

- Tell us some of the activities this student has been involved with that reflect his/her interest in nature and science.

- Tell us how you think this student might benefit from the two weeks in Nature Camp.

- Please provide any additional comments below or on the back of this page in support of this student's Nature Camp scholarship application. Thank you!

Signature and date

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