



## 2026 Master Wildlife Conservationist Program Application

This form may alternatively be completed online at <https://forms.office.com/g/3j5qyTHMU4>.  
For more information, visit <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/mwcp/master-wildlife-conservationist-program>.

### Basic Information

1. First name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Last name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Year of birth \_\_\_\_\_

### Home address and contact information

4. Street \_\_\_\_\_
5. City \_\_\_\_\_
6. State \_\_\_\_\_
7. Zip code \_\_\_\_\_
8. Phone number (mobile preferred) \_\_\_\_\_
9. May we contact you via text messaging? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
10. Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Availability

11. Do you have transportation and availability to attend all of the MWCP classes? Please refer to class times and locations on the Master Wildlife Conservationist web page found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/mwcp/master-wildlife-conservationist-program>

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

12. If you did not answer "Yes" to question 11, please briefly explain any difficulties related to attendance. Otherwise, leave this section blank.

13. Please estimate the average number of hours per month you would be able to volunteer.

14. Do you have daytime availability on weekdays to present programs in a school setting?

Though helpful, daytime availability is not required to participate in the MWCP.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain:

### **Background and interests**

15. What is your current employment status? Check all that apply.

- Employed
- Self-employed
- Retired
- Student
- Other

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16. What is/was your occupation?

17. Who is/was your employer?

18. What secondary education or certifications have you completed? For each, please include name of degree/certification, major/plan of study (if applicable), and school/institution.

19. Please list your previous teaching experiences, if any, and specify if they were wildlife education, general education, or another type of education.

20. Please list your previous experience in the field of wildlife ecology, wildlife conservation, or wildlife management. If none, write "none".

21. Please list volunteer work you have completed during the past three years, if any.

22. Indicate any skills you have that would enhance your effectiveness as a Master Wildlife Conservationist. Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening               | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife identification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping             | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant identification    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking             | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife track & sign   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature guiding          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching                |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating volunteers |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing or birding |  |  |

23. Please list all languages that you speak and indicate your level of fluency for each.

24. Please list any conservation organization(s) you have been involved with.

25. Briefly describe your reasons for wanting to become a Master Wildlife Conservationist.  
Why should you be selected for this program?

**Permission to contact references and signature**

26. Please provide at least one letter of reference. Up to two letters of reference may be provided. Do you plan to submit one or more letters of reference? Please see the instructions on this webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/mwcp/master-wildlife-conservationist-program>.

Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

27. May we call your references?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The Wildlife Division is mandated to conserve and manage the wildlife found in Connecticut. Maintaining stable, diverse, and healthy wildlife populations on all suitable habitat throughout the state is the main focus of the Division’s responsibilities. In addition, the Division places a high priority on educating and informing the public on wildlife-related issues, responding to public interests in wildlife and providing wildlife-based recreational opportunities, including regulated hunting and trapping. If you enroll in the Master Wildlife Conservationist Program, you will be working as an extension of the Wildlife Division’s education and outreach efforts. Information you provide to the public under the auspices of the Master Wildlife Conservationist Program must therefore comply with the Wildlife Division’s policies and principles regarding the management of the state’s wildlife.

Please provide your signature below to indicate that you agree with the statement above and that all the responses you have provided on this form are honest and true to the best of your knowledge.

*Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your completed form by email to [DEEP.MWCP@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.MWCP@ct.gov) or by post to:

Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area  
ATTN: Outreach Program  
PO Box 1550  
Burlington, CT 06013

*Emailed forms are due no later than March 11, 2026.  
Forms sent by postal mail must be postmarked no later than March 10, 2026.*