



## Master Wildlife Conservationist Reference Form

This form may alternatively be completed online at <https://forms.office.com/g/TTcTvYtbUp> (preferred).

The Master Wildlife Conservationist Program is administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Wildlife Division. The program provides adults with education and training on the natural history, biology, conservation, management, and interpretation of Connecticut's wildlife. Participants complete approximately 40 hours of combined classroom and field training.

Following completion of the course, each participant will provide 40 hours of volunteer service within their first 18 months to become certified as a Master Wildlife Conservationist (MWC). Volunteer service will primarily include public outreach but may also include assisting Wildlife Division Staff with projects and fieldwork. Continued learning opportunities will also be provided throughout the year. MWCs will attend at least one continued learning class and provide 25 hours of volunteer service annually to remain certified.

The intention of the Master Wildlife Conservationist Program is to foster a dedicated corps of knowledgeable volunteers who promote healthy relationships between Connecticut's residents and natural resources. The goals of the program are as follows:

1. Provide Connecticut residents an opportunity to participate in a natural resource-based education program.
2. Increase public knowledge and understanding of conservation as it relates to wildlife and natural resource management.
3. Encourage participation of volunteers and communities in conservation efforts.
4. Inspire public support of statewide conservation endeavors.

There is great interest in the Master Wildlife Conservationist Program; however, enrollment is limited. The Wildlife Division requests that all applicants provide at least one reference to assist in the evaluation process. References cannot include family members of applicants. Thank you for taking the time to provide this reference. Please return the reference form no later than March 11, 2026 to [DEEP.MWCP@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.MWCP@ct.gov). If needed, printed forms may be mailed to Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, ATTN: Outreach Program, PO Box 1550, Burlington, CT 06013. Forms sent via postal mail must be postmarked no later than March 10, 2026. For more information, visit the Master Wildlife Conservationist Program webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/mwcp/master-wildlife-conservationist-program>.



1. Applicant's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Applicant's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How long have you known the applicant?

7. What is your relationship to the applicant?

8. Briefly describe the applicant's interest and/or experience as it relates to wildlife or environmental conservation.



9. What qualities does the applicant have that would make him/her a good candidate for the above program?

10. Please sign here to indicate that the statements you made regarding the applicant are true and in good faith. This also gives CT DEEP Wildlife Division staff permission to contact you by phone and email.

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