

**Experience Mountain Science Program (xMSP) Application**

Please send your completed application packet and/or any questions you might have to Jeremy May at [vista@mountainstudies.org](mailto:vista@mountainstudies.org) or via snail mail to: Mountain Studies Institute, Attn: xMSP; 1309 East 3rd Ave Suite 106. Durango, CO 81301 to arrive by **May 31st.**

**Requirements**

* **Education:** Some coursework in biology and/or chemistry
* **Outdoor Experience:** Applicants should enjoy outdoor adventures; have an ability to hike over rough terrain at high elevation and to weather a San Juan Mountain storm; enjoy camping; and understand backcountry safety.
* **Interest** in Science, Ecology, and/or field research.

*In order to be considered for the xMSP, submit by May 31, 2017:* ***(1)*** *this signed and completed application form, including a signature from a parent or guardian indicating they are aware of the program requirements,* ***(2)*** *responses to the questions portion of the application on a separate sheet, and* ***(3)*** *a teachers’ signature indicating they have read your responses, agree with your self-assessment, and recommend you for the Experience Mountain Science Program.*

**Applicant Information:**

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| Name: | Parent/Guardian Name(s): |
| Home Address: |
| Phone #: | Guardian 1 Email: |
| E-mail: | Guardian 1 Phone #: |
| Date of Birth: | Guardian 2 E-mail: |
| Skype ID for Interview:  (if you have one) | Guardian 2 Phone #: |

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| School: | Courses taken relevant to Internship: |
| Grade in 2016-2017 school year: |  |
| G.P.A.: |  |

**Recommending Teacher Information:** (to be filled out by teacher)

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| Name: | Comment? (not required): |
| School: |
| E-mail and/or Phone#: |
| Teacher Signature: |

**Questions** (please use separate paper to answer: type or write *legibly*)**:**

1. Describe your interest in the Experience Mountain Science Program (xMSP) and what you hope to learn or gain from your experience.
2. Tell us about yourself regarding why you believe you would be a good fit for the internship.
3. Describe the most difficult experience you have had working on a team. How did you work to resolve it and what did you learn from the experience?
4. What’s the most physically challenging thing you’ve done in the outdoors? Field research can be exhausting. What has prepared you to spend long days in the field, sometimes in inclement weather?
5. In addition to coursework, what other work and/or outdoor experiences do you have that have prepared you for the internship?
6. Anything else that you think we should know about you?

*I certify that all statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if I’m selected to participate in the program that I will fully participate in the entirety of the program including all educational and evaluation components.*

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** Are you able to transport students to and from program sites at the start and end of each program week? This is of great help. MSI will waive part or all of the program cost-share in exchange for this service. Please check the box if you are interested in helping with car-pooling.

\*Note: If you do not want your student driving with other parents, you are welcome to arrange for their transportation independently.

**Program Cost-share:** $600, but don’t let the cost-share stop you! There is plenty of scholarship opportunity. Mountain Studies Institute is a non-profit organization and provides the xMSP as a service to further education opportunities. While program cost-shares offset some program expenses such as food, camping permits, and transportation most of the program is paid for by MSI and generous donor sponsors. If you can’t afford it we will help you so that you can, by deferring some or all of the cost based on financial need.

**Scholarship Opportunities:** Mountain Studies Institute wants to ensure that all students can participate in the xMSP. MSI offers scholarships to offset some or all of program cost on a financial need basis. Find the xMSP Scholarship Application on our website at http://www.mountainstudies.org/program-description/