



Environmental Learning Center Junior Interpreter 2019-2020 Application Form

Please use the application checklist to make sure you have completed all of the necessary steps. If all of the following items are not received by **November 1, 2019**, your application will not be considered.

- Part A:** Application
- Part B:** 300 word essay
- Part C:** Questions
- Part D:** Reference Form

Please mail completed applications to: **Heather Kramer, ELC Environmental Educator, 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963**. If you have any **questions please contact Heather at 772-589-5050** or by e-mail Heatherk@DiscoverELC.org.

Email applications are accepted.

Cost:

The charge for this program for the entire year is \$125 to cover program fees. Applicants who qualify can apply for the Maggie Bowman Scholarship. This 75% need based scholarship leaves the participant with a \$31.25 fee. Payment is due by the first meeting in Nov. Payment details and scholarship information is at the end of this application.

Once students are accepted into the program, payments must be received by November 9, 2019 for the child to participate.

Payments can be made on our website at www.DiscoverELC.org.

Part A: Application

Applicant's name _____

DOB (month/year) _____ Grade (Fall 2018) _____

School (Fall 2018) _____

Home mailing address _____

Email address _____

Home phone number _____ Other number _____

Guardian's name _____ Guardian's name _____

What is the best way to contact you (email, phone, or mail)?

Part B: 300 word essay (typed or handwritten)

Please complete a 300 word essay on why you want to participate in the Junior Interpreter program at the ELC. Please include an example of how you have helped others to understand or connect with nature or the environment. Also include how you will contribute to this program and how your interests (in academics and outside of academics) will help you succeed at the ELC.

Please use a separate sheet of paper to answer this question.

Part C: Questions (Please answer all of the questions listed below)

1. Have you ever participated in activities or volunteered at the ELC before? Please describe how and what you participated in or volunteered at (camp, Environmental Ambassador, School Program, EcoVenture, Junior Interpreter etc.)?

2. Have you ever volunteered for any other organization besides the ELC? If so, what organization, what did you do, and when did you volunteer?

3. Please list any extracurricular activities (include sports, clubs, etc.) you participate in.

4. Describe any experience you have had with the following:
 - a. Outdoor recreational activities (camping, scouts, sports, gardening, etc.)

 - b. Interacting with children (babysitting, counselor, etc.)

 - c. Public speaking

5. How would you describe yourself in 3 words

6. Please mention anything else you would like us to know about you.

Part D: Reference Form

Applicant must fill out the boxed portion of this form

Please have an adult (other than a parent, guardian, or family member) fill out this form.

Please return this form in a signed and sealed envelope by **November 1, 2019** to:

Heather Kramer
ELC Environmental Educator
255 Live Oak Drive
Vero Beach, FL 32963

Or scan and e-mail to HeatherK@DiscoverELC.org

I, _____, give my permission for the information requested
(*please print applicant name here*)

below to be released to the Environmental Learning Center Junior Interpreter Program.

Reference name (please print)

Date

Dear Junior Interpreter Applicant Reference:

Please complete and return this double-sided form by **November 1, 2019**. Your responses will allow us to better assess this person's ability to fulfill the responsibilities involved in our Junior Interpreter program. All information is confidential. Thank you.

- How long have you known this person and in what capacity?
- Describe the applicant's interest and/or experiences pertaining to the science, nature and the environment.
- Please give an example of the applicant's ability to communicate.

- Why do you think this person would make a good student leader at the ELC?
- Describe this person in three words.
- Please feel free to provide any additional information that might be useful in evaluating this Junior Interpreter applicant.

Reference name (please print)

Reference signature

Date

Junior Interpreter Program Maggie Bowman Scholarship Form

Scholarships are based on financial need and availability. [This form must be accompanied by proof of one of the following.](#)

Please check which:

- Enrollment in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program of your school
- Enrollment in the Food Assistance Program (SNAP)

- Enrollment in the Temporary Cash Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program - Current gross household income meeting federal guidelines for free or reduce price meals (refer to pg. 2 of <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-31/pdf/2015-07358.pdf>)

Return completed Maggie Bowman Scholarship form with Junior Interpreter application.
