

General Instructions for the NRCC application process

1. Determine that you are available to attend NRCC at the Hickory Environmental Education center in Accident, Maryland for the entire 7-day period of Sunday, July 19 to Saturday July 25, 2026. Students must be currently enrolled in, going into, or recently graduated from high school.
2. The application questions can be previewed by downloading the Application for Review from the website. However, **the final submission should be completed online** by clicking the **'APPLY for NRCC 2026!'** link.
3. Complete your online application. Once all sections have been filled out, **press SUBMIT** (edit if missing information is flagged). You will receive an emailed copy of your application to confirm our receipt. (If you do not receive a pdf, send an email to info@marylandforestryfoundation.org.)
4. Signature Pages are to be downloaded and printed. Have your Parent/Guardian read the important information, check the Parental/Guardian Review box and sign the Signature Pages where indicated. **The signed Signature Pages should be emailed to williams304@gmail.com or mailed to:**

Mr. Will Williams, Director of NRCC
P.O. Box 49
Accident, MD 21520

5. **Online Letters of Recommendation are required.** Request 2 Letters of Recommendation from either a teacher, counselor, club adviser or other adult who is not a family member. The letters must be filled out online by clicking the **"[Letter of Recommendation](#)"** link.
6. **Prepare for a brief meeting** with representatives of your local Forestry Board who will contact you after your application is submitted. Each Board selects its applicants and many offer to pay for the NRCC Tuition Fee (\$500). Students are normally required to pay the Activity Fee of \$150. **All payments should be made payable to and sent to:**

Maryland Forestry Foundation
124 South Street #3
Annapolis, MD 21401

If online payment is preferred, the charge will be \$153.50. Click the Paypal '**[Make a Donation](#)**' link (marylandforestryfoundation.org/about-us/contact-us/ways-to-give/) and make sure to put "NRCC" in the note section.

7. **Make sure you arrange transportation** to and from Hickory Environmental Education Center, 604 Pride Parkway, Accident, MD 21520 (located behind Northern Garrett High School), **arriving on Sunday, July 19 between 3:00-4:00 PM and leaving on Saturday, July 25 by 1:00 PM.**
8. You will be notified of the final acceptance by your local Forestry Board. The Director of NRCC, Will Williams, will follow-up with all necessary information for you to have a successful week at NRCC.
9. If you have any questions on the general application process, please contact us at info@marylandforestryfoundation.org.