

Maryland Forestry Foundation Urban Forestry Careers Camp

July 11-17, 2027

Frequently Asked Questions

Where does the camp take place?	All camp activities will take place at the University of Maryland's flagship campus in College Park.
When will the camp be held?	Sunday, July 11 through Saturday, July 17, 2027. All day each day.
Am I qualified to apply for this camp?	If you are a student (1) currently enrolled in high school at the Sophomore or higher level by September 2027 or (2) recently graduated from high school and you are interested in exploring a career in the field of urban forestry, you can apply.
How can I apply?	Click on the link https://www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/ufcc-student-application/ and complete the information requested.
What else do I need to apply?	<p>Two letters of recommendation are also required. Give this link https://www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/ufcc-letter-of-recommendation/ to two of your teachers, counselors, club advisors or other non-family adults and ask them to use the form to provide a personal recommendation for you.</p> <p>You also need to make sure that you are available from Saturday, July 11 through Sunday, July 17 and that you have transportation to and from the UMD College Park campus.</p>
Are only 30 students going to be accepted?	Yes. The camp is kept small to give students a personalized hands-on learning experience.
How are the 30 students chosen?	A five-person Selection Committee will review all applications and references and select those who meet the program qualification also considering when applications were submitted - so apply early to increase your chances of being chosen.
When will I know if I am selected?	A member of the Selection Committee will notify you directly if you are one of the 30 students selected. You'll be notified in plenty of time to prepare for your camp experience.
What does it cost?	Only if you are accepted, you will be asked to pay a \$150 activity fee to reserve a space at camp and finalize your application process. All meals, housing and materials are provided by the Maryland Forestry Foundation through a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

What can I expect to do at camp?	Daily program schedules will be published in the Spring, so check the website periodically for a draft daily program with content details – what you’ll be learning and which experts in Urban Forestry will be working with you to share their knowledge and experience.
Where will I stay?	Accepted students will stay on campus with meals and materials provided.
What should I bring?	Comfortable clothes and shoes appropriate for a campus experience with some hands-on outdoor activities and some classroom time. Time will also be spent at the Challenge Course on campus during recreational hours (https://recwell.umd.edu/programs-activities/adventure-program/challenge-course) so bring clothing/shoes appropriate for climbing. Bring what you will need for an entire week away from home.
What’s next after I apply?	After acceptance, the Camp Director will send you all the necessary information for you to have a successful and enriching week at UFCC.