

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Incomplete  
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202510\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MPA

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By:	Ricky Manthey	Recommenders Title:	Secondary English Language Arts Teacher
Recommenders Institution:	Shelton High School	Contact Name:	Laura Long
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.	Recommendation Waiver Choice:	I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted:	✓	Recommendation Status:	Received
Received Date:	02/04/2024 10:39 AM	Recommender Assessment:	I recommend this applicant.
Recommendation Type:	General	Recommender Form:	MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form
Recommendation Entity ID:	1024000117440303	Recommendation Owner:	Shalimar Pedersen

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:	8 years	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:	Ellie has been a self-directed learner as long as I have known her. She has the skills necessary to ask astute questions and then find relevant, sound answers.
Time since last contact with applicant:	24 hours	Applicant as productive member of group:	Ellie works very well in groups; she especially excels in facilitation of discussion and ensuring that everyone is given an opportunity to share their ideas.
Relationship with Applicant:	Former colleague	Applicant most significant strengths:	Ellie's biggest strengths are her compassion for others and her ability to work with people from all different walks of life across a variety of contexts.
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Outstanding	Responsibility/reliability:	Outstanding
Communication Skills - Oral:	Excellent	Communication skills - written:	Outstanding
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Outstanding	Ability to work independently:	Outstanding
Ability to handle stress:	Outstanding	Ability to think critically:	Outstanding

Ability to analyze/problem  
solve: Outstanding

Openness to feedback: Outstanding

Ability to work in a team: Outstanding

Ability to think creatively: Outstanding

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Personal/professional  
reflection: Outstanding

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#### Description Information

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#### Other Information

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To the Office of Graduate School Admissions at The Evergreen State College:

My name is Ricky Manthey, and I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Laura “Ellie” Long, an applicant to Evergreen’s Master of Public Administration program.

I have known Ellie since September 2015, when we met as undergrad students at Evergreen. As a student, I know Ellie to possess an inquisitive mind and a natural ability to take leadership positions when working with others, while ensuring that those whose voices are not often heard are given an opportunity to speak. As a very shy person, I have always appreciated Ellie's ability to draw out the best in those around her.

For the last several years, Ellie has worked with adults with developmental disabilities, first as direct support staff, then as a house supervisor, and now as a trainer for direct support staff new to the profession. While I know that she has done well in all of these roles, it is in this last position that I believe Ellie has found her spark. Ellie has written curriculum to revamp the training that her direct support staff receives to focus on questions of equity and compassion when supporting adults with developmental disabilities.

Evergreen’s Master in Public Administration program will provide Ellie with the tools and training she needs to take this work to the next step. She has dreams of affecting real policy change for the people that she supports, but, more importantly, she has the drive and the people skills necessary to make those changes happen.

Though I have never needed the kinds of support that Ellie and the organization she works for provide, as a person with a physical disability myself, I know how important it is for the world to have qualified, compassionate advocates like Ellie. Not offering her a place in your program would be a disservice not only to Ellie, but to all of the people whose lives an MPA would allow her to change for the better.

Thank you very much for your consideration of Ellie Long as a candidate for the Master of Public Administration program.

Sincerely,  
Ricky Manthey  
English Language Arts Teacher  
Shelton High School