

Application for Admission

Grand Rapids WhiteWater (GRWW) is a Grand Rapids-based nonprofit working on a holistic approach to restoring the Grand River, which has been affected by years of degradation and neglect. Restoration of the river will provide significant environmental and ecological benefits, expand recreational opportunities, offer economic opportunity, improve public safety, and boost Grand Rapids' image as a distinct and attractive place to live, work, and play.

Community leaders in science, business, and civil service are aware that the challenges of the 21st century depend on our ability to create a sustainable future where business, the environment, and social wellbeing work collaboratively rather than in opposition.

As part of its commitment to protecting and restoring the Grand River, **GRWW's Summer Science and Leadership Program** offers students the chance to do hands-on scientific research of the threatened snuffbox mussel (small clam) as well as provide students the opportunity to learn from professionals in the political, business, social equity, and scientific fields. Students wishing to apply will:

1. Conduct hands-on science investigations around the snuffbox mussel.
2. Learn about and practice principles of Design Thinking, a process for creativity and innovation.
3. Work with scientists, business owners, and civic leaders invested in our communities.
4. Present their research to community leaders working to build a sustainable future.

Students who successfully complete the program requirements of attendance, research report, team presentations, and career profile will earn a \$200 educational stipend.

Program Dates: July 6-17 (Monday-Friday), Morning or Afternoon Session
Location: Grand Rapids Public Museum
Times: Morning Session 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (10 students)
Afternoon Session 12:30 until 5:00 p.m. (10 Students)
1-2 additional presentations outside of class time are likely
Due Date: Applications are due May 1. Students will be contacted after May 15.



Applicants Must Complete the Following:

Personal Information

Written Responses

Teacher Recommendation

(may be sent separately)

Adult Recommendation (non-family member)

(may be sent separately)

Personal Information (will not be shared)

Name: _____

High School Grade Level in Fall 2020 (circle one) Junior Senior

School Attending: _____

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ Gender: He/Him She/Her They/Them

Email: _____ @ _____

Student Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Email: _____ @ _____

Parent / Guardian Phone: _____

I prefer (circle one) Morning Afternoon Either Session

Please send completed applications to one of the following:

Apply Online: grandrapidswhitewater.org/public-process/summer-program

Email: davidkoning73@gmail.com

Mail: Grand Rapids WhiteWater
120 Lyon St NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503



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Written Responses

Please provide written or typed answers to the following questions - limit length to no more than 100 words each. These questions are a way for us to get to know you as a person; there are no right or wrong answers and they are only a piece of the larger application.

Question 1: How did you find out about Grand Rapids WhiteWater Summer Science and Leadership Program? Why does this program interest you?

Question 2: GRWW's vision for this program includes four core values: diversity, leadership, engagement, and sustainability. How has your experience and background prepared you to be effective in this program with these four values?

Question 3: Tell us about a time you had to work hard at something.

Question 4: Tell us about a time where you had to work well on a project with someone who might have been different from you in some way (background, beliefs, experiences, personality, other).

Question 5: Tell us about something for which you are responsible.

Question 6: Tell us about a memorable experience you've had outdoors.



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Adult Recommendation (non-related adult)

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Thank you for your time!

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Teacher Recommendation

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