

**PENNSYLVANIA MASTER NATURALIST™
APPLICATION**

I am over 18 years of age and wish to become a ***Pennsylvania Master Naturalist***, and would like to be accepted into the 2010 pilot training program. I understand that I will be required to complete an informal telephone interview before being accepted into the program. If accepted into the program, I agree that I will attend all training sessions to include at least 40 hours of core training, 30 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training in the first year to become a Pennsylvania Master Naturalist. I realize that I will be required to conduct 20 hours of volunteer service for the second year and 12 hours of advanced training annually after the first training year to maintain Pennsylvania Master Naturalist status.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

<i>Please type or print:</i>			
Name (First, Middle, Last):		Name for nametag:	
Address			
City	State	Zip	County
Phone: (Home)	(Work/Days)		(Cell)
E-Mail: (Home)	(Work)		

For the following questions, use additional sheets if necessary.

Please provide us with a paragraph or two (either here or attached) indicating your interest in and commitment to the program and why you believe you are qualified.

List any training or experience in environmental education, stewardship, research or related areas. In what area(s), if any, do you specialize; e.g. native plants, forestry, management, etc.

Why do you wish to take the Master Naturalist Training?

How do you plan to use the training that you receive? What type of volunteer projects would interest you (education/interpretation, stewardship/conservation, citizen science, program support, etc.; and please explain)?

How did you learn about the Master Naturalist Program?

Master Naturalist activities span a broad range of community service. If you are selected as a Master Naturalist trainee, what times during the coming year would you NOT be available due to job, personal or other commitment?

Please rate your expertise in the following areas with 1 = experienced 2 = some knowledge 3 = none		
Amphibians	Trees and Woody Plants	Soils
Aquatic Insects	Wildflowers and other plants	Forests
Birds	Natives/Invasives	Lakes/Ponds
Fish	Astronomy	Streams and Rivers
Insects and Kin	Climate	Wetlands
Mammals	Ecology	Natural Resource Conservation (please specify_____)
Reptiles	Geology	Interpretation

Please indicate your areas of interest.

Please describe any previous or current volunteer experiences.

Please list any special skills, training, interests (computer, art, writing, photography, etc.) that may be useful to the Master Naturalist program development.

What kinds of volunteer projects are most OR least comfortable for you to do?

What do you feel are particular concerns and needs of volunteers in natural resource conservation?

All Pennsylvania Institute for Conservation Education and PA Master Naturalist Volunteers must comply with the Volunteer Screening Process.

Please provide us with names and contact information for the following references:

Personal/Character Reference (must be a non-family member)

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Work or Volunteer Reference (must be a non-family member)

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Family Member Reference

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? ___Yes ___No

If yes, please give the date, nature, and disposition of offense: _____

(Further explanation may be attached) A conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant. A criminal record will be considered as it relates to the specifics of the volunteer position for which you are applying. A criminal record may prevent an individual from volunteering, depending on the nature of the offense.

Return this application by the date requested:

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If you have any questions, wish further information or need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Michele Richards at michele@picweb.org or (570)441-3364.

