

2026 Water in the West Program Application Questions. These questions must be completed online along with submitting the \$300 application deposit for the application to be considered complete. The online submission form can be found at <https://www.gvsu.edu/wiwp/cms-form-edit.htm?formId=80758CBC-DDDC-77AF-50CC5AAD74E789D6> . **Applications are due by 11:59 December 5th.**

1. First Name
2. Last Name
3. Email
4. Phone
5. What is your Major and/or Minor?
6. What age will you be by the date when we depart on May 9 2026
7. Please describe any food allergies or food restrictions. Include how your food needs are currently accommodated. *
8. Would you be willing to help drive during the trip for a \$300 stipend? Describe your driving experience (both good and bad).
9. Would you be willing to assist with food purchases during the trip for a \$100 stipend?
10. Why do you want to attend the Water in the West Program? What do you hope to learn? (500 words max.)
11. Please describe any experience you have with outdoor activities or environmental advocacy (500 word max.)
12. How will the Water in the West Program enhance your studies at GVSU? How will it complement your other classes? (500 word max.)
13. Students will be part of a book club and share cooking responsibilities during the trip. Describe any collaborative or working as part of a group experiences you have had (250 words max)
14. Describe a challenging personal interaction you have had with a friend or colleague and how you resolved it; or How do you handle stress or conflict in group travel/fieldwork situations? (500 word max.)
15. If you could choose only one thing to see or visit on our trip route what would it be and why? (100 word max.)
16. What is your favorite type of exercise or sport you engage in (50 word max.)
17. The trip involves hiking frequently at elevations above what we encounter in Michigan (> 5280 feet). Describe any experience you have with long and/or steep hikes 5 – 10 miles.
18. Please describe your physical fitness and your ability to participate in strenuous trip activities (hiking, kayaking, swimming, etc.) (500 word limit) *
19. Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself that will assist us in selecting participants for the 2025 WIWP?