

# Sound Water Stewards of Island County

## 2020 Volunteer Training Application – Due February 28, 2020

Thank you for your interest in the Sound Water Stewards of Island County training. The program will provide 90 hours of college-level instruction and will introduce participants to many opportunities as nearshore-focused volunteers in Island County. In addition, class members will dedicate at least 10 hours during the first summer to “learning-while-doing” projects.

During the first two years, volunteers agree to complete 100 hours of service related to community outreach, stewardship, and citizen science (preferred as 50 hours per year). Volunteer hours include the 10 hours completed during the first summer.

Classes will be held on both Camano and Whidbey Islands each Thursday from March 12 through April 23, 2020 and continuing from September 10 through October 22, 2020 from approximately 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Field trips, which are occasionally off-island, may extend the hours.

Applications must be received by February 28th, 2020 to be considered. Enrollment will be limited to 20 participants on each island, and each candidate will be selected on the basis of the application and an informal interview. There is a \$150.00 fee per person to offset the cost of training. Fees are due the first day of class after acceptance into the program.

All applicants must submit to a “Washington State Background Check” and include a photocopy of a valid Washington driver’s license or valid Washington ID card. New participants will be required to sign a photo release form (acceptance or denial of the use of such photos).

Our goal is to encourage participation. If the fee alone presents a problem, scholarships are available. For information about Sound Water Stewards of Island County and the training, visit our website: <http://soundwaterstewards.org/training/> or contact [training@soundwaterstewards.org](mailto:training@soundwaterstewards.org)

## Statement of Commitment

**If accepted into the Sound Water Stewards of Island County program, I agree to:**

1. Attend the complete Sound Water Stewards training course planned to be held each Thursday from March 12 through April 23, and continuing from September 10 through October 22, and commit to one or more summer activities that will complement Sound Water Stewards training.
2. Attain the necessary level of knowledge to carry out my commitments, including any required project-specific training.
3. Volunteer 100 hours over the next two years working on Sound Water Stewards’ projects focused on education, community outreach, stewardship, and citizen science including approved projects sponsored by other environmental programs.
4. Inform the Lead Facilitator or SWS Staff Member overseeing a project anytime I am unable to participate due to disabilities or health constraints, so that an alternative activity can be substituted.
5. Follow defined protocols as presented during project training.
6. Educate, not advocate, when representing SWS in the wider community.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please scan and email your completed application to:** [training@soundwaterstewards.org](mailto:training@soundwaterstewards.org)

**Or mail to:** Sound Water Stewards of Island County, PO Box 1225 Coupeville, WA 98239

*Sound Water Stewards does not discriminate on the basis of race, disability, color, creed, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, military status, or any other protected classification. SWS receives financial support from Lighthouse Environmental Programs.*

Please type or print clearly, and indicate which island for training: Camano: \_\_\_\_\_ Whidbey: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening or cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Sound Water Stewards and volunteer training?

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Why do you want to become a Sound Water Steward?

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What environmental issues concern you, and in what citizen science, stewardship and/or environmental educational programs have you been involved and how?

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Educational background:

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Work and volunteer experience?

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Special interests or hobbies?

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