



University of Dayton  
**Rivers Institute**

**2025 Cohort River Steward Essay Questions: Part II Application**

**Name:**

**Major:**

**Instructions:** Please respond to the following questions completely and carefully. Applicants are considered for interviews based on their responses to these questions. Take time to learn about the program when thinking about your answers. Answers should be typed.

1. Are you able to attend a weekly mini-course, with your cohort, on Friday, 3:30-5:30pm and commit to 30 hours of service (community engagement) a semester for the next three years? If no, your application cannot be considered.
2. What is your motivation for becoming a River Steward, and how did you learn about the program?
3. What aspects of the river interest you the most?
4. What does community building and/or civic engagement mean to you?
5. How do you think your academic interests relate to the program or how can the program enhance your academic interests?
6. How else are you involved at UD (service clubs, employment, activities, etc.)?
7. What does leadership mean to you and what kinds of leadership experience have you had in high school or already at UD?
8. What personal skills, qualities or personality traits do you possess that will contribute positively to the River Stewards Program? In what ways do you think you can grow from the program?
9. Please describe one previous experience you have with community service, river/environmental stewardship or volunteering. What did you learn through these experiences, and how did they affect you?
10. How does volunteering in the Dayton community benefit both the student and the community partner?

**Email your answers to Fitz Center Graduate Assistant, Felicity Nolder, [fnolder1@udayton.edu](mailto:fnolder1@udayton.edu), by February 15, 2022. You also need to submit the on-line application form by this date. If you have any questions, please contact Felicity Nolder at [fnolder1@udayton.edu](mailto:fnolder1@udayton.edu).**