# Application Form--Energy & Climate Team

### **Information for Applicants**

Thank you for your interest!

Applications are due June 9, 2021 by 5 p.m. Interviews will be conducted as a ZOOM webinar. The City Clerk Office will contact you to schedule an interview.

Please note: All applications are included in City Council packets and published on the City website.

#### Position

Which position(s) are Regular you applying for?

#### **Contact Information**

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Alternate Contact Phone:	Field not completed.
Street Address:	1365 Clarkia Ln
City, State:	Missoula, MT
Zip:	59802
Is your street address the same as your mailing address?	Yes
Background	
Do you live in City limits?	Yes
How long have you been a city resident?	4 years

In which ward do you reside?	1
Are you a U.S. citizen?	Yes
Are you registered to vote?	Yes
Current Occupation:	Graduate Student, Boone and Crockett Club Fellow
Current Employer:	University of Montana Boone and Crockett Program
If you'd like, you can attach a resume or other document for the City Council to consider.	Field not completed.
Briefly describe your educational background:	In spring 2021, I graduated with honors from the University of Montana with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology and a minor in Climate Change Studies. In 2020, I was named a Udall Scholar for leadership in the environmental field and was awarded a Wildlife Leadership Award from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Wynn Freeman Award from the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society. In spring 2022, I expect to complete a Master's in Public Administration with a Public Policy Concentration, also from UM. I graduated high school in New York in 2017. I have studied climate change and sustainability from a variety of perspectives, including climate science, corporate sustainability, and climate change communication. Energy policy, both local and global, is a topic I am very interested in and have also been studying independently (outside of formal coursework).
List of community service experience:	<ul> <li>Student Senator, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)</li> <li>As an ASUM senator, I was Chair of the Transportation Oversight Board and the Elections Board, and I served on the Sustainability Committee and the Budget and Finance Board.</li> <li>President, UM Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society</li> <li>Education Outreach Officer, UM Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society</li> <li>Teaching Intern, Clark Fork Watershed Education Program (CFWEP)</li> <li>Member, Dean's Student Advisory Council of the Davidson Honors College</li> <li>I very much enjoy being involved in the Missoula community, and this will be my fifth winter coaching youth with the Missoula Ski Education Foundation (MSEF).</li> </ul>

What is your interest in serving on this board, commission, or committee?	I believe that serving with the Climate and Energy team would enhance my understanding of Missoula's short -and long-term sustainability plans and the potential challenges facing the city. In turn, I am confident I could make a meaningful contribution to the Climate and Energy team's work. I believe that my background in the natural science field, climate change, and public policy would provide a unique perspective to the team. I'm especially excited about the Climate and Energy Team
	because, as Missoulians, we are uniquely impacted by climate change and our energy decisions. From wildfire smoke to heatwaves, we are feeling the effects of climate change. At the same time, Missoula is well-positioned to be a national leader in sustainability and renewable energy. As Missoula emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, it has also become clear that our city is at a critical junction where decisions made by local leaders will shape the future growth of the city and the region. I believe that serving with the Climate and Energy team would be a unique opportunity to learn from and collaborate with a diverse group working to tackle complex challenges.
Do you have any special knowledge, interest, or experience that would qualify you for a position on this board, commission, or committee?	I believe that my background in science and experience with public policy at the state and federal levels would position me to make a meaningful contribution to the Climate and Energy Team. I'm currently a Boone and Crockett Club Fellow at the University of Montana and have conducted wildlife and ecological research, in part, related to climate change. I have experience with the Montana State Legislature when I successfully lobbied to pass a bill (HB 647) related to hunting and fishing licenses for college students. At the federal level, last summer I was a legislative affairs intern for the U.S. Forest Service. This summer, I am serving as a legislative intern with the Office of the Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

## References

Please provide two references.		
Reference 1		
Name:		
Phone:		
Reference 2		
Name:		
Phone:		
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If you'd prefer, you can mail or deliver your completed application and attachments to: City Clerk Office 435 Ryman St. Missoula, MT 59802 \*Please note the City Clerk Office is currently closed to the public. There is a drop box located at the Ryman Street entrance where you can place your materials.

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