



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Summer Watershed Steward Ambassador Program (SWSA). This is a Western Connecticut State University program in partnership with Danbury Public Schools, the Housatonic Valley Association’s (HVA) Still River Watershed Connections Program that offers students an opportunity to improve their local outdoor environment and simultaneously develop college readiness skills.

This program will pay you a stipend over 5-weeks to help with Watershed Research Projects by WCSU faculty and HVA’s Still River Watershed Connections program to restore habitat that can improve water quality in the Still River and improve your environmental health. Research includes Grass Carp monitoring and Lake Chemistry sampling, as well as restoration activities such as invasive plant removal, planting shrubs and bushes along stream banks, and trail maintenance. All restoration work is done outside. Prepare to get dirty, sweaty, and have a lot of fun! During those 5-weeks you will work with an instructor and graduate students to build skills for AP environmental science classes and beyond, and learn about job opportunities with The City of Danbury, Public Works. The last week of the program you will meet with instructors to read and discuss data that relate to your restoration work. You will also build connections between your outdoor research and restoration efforts, and civic responsibilities. These are, authentic environmental experiences that you may choose as a future career.

Requirements and Details:

- Current Danbury High School Science Students (Junior Status in Aquatic Science Preferred)
- Current 2.3 or higher cumulative GPA
- Interested in working outdoors over the summer

Summer 2023

Dates: July 3th- August 4th (No program on July 4th).

Times: 9am – 1pm: 3 days in field for research and restoration.

Locations include Candlewood Lake, Lake Kenosia, Ball Pond.

2 Days: 9am-1pm For data entry, analysis, and peer mentoring, including AP Environmental Science preparation at the University.

Stipend: 20 hours per week for 5 weeks (\$1000 total)



Please go here to apply online: [2023 Online Application](#). Or scan the QR-Code

Deadline: May 15th Special consideration to students who apply by May 4th

If you have any questions, contact Theodora Pinou, Director, for *Finding Our Way*, pinout@wcsu.edu: Office Phone: 203-837-8793.