

The following are the longer questions on the RMBL application. It may be helpful to prepare your responses beforehand and then copy and paste into the application:

1. Write one or two paragraphs about why you wish to attend RMBL (no longer than a "page" of text). Please tell us why you are interested in field biology, and how such an experience might play a role in your future career. Fieldwork is difficult, often tedious, and often conducted under harsh conditions. We are looking for students with the mental and intellectual maturity to commit to hard work and with the ability to deal with a variety of challenges. Please address these qualities in your essay.
2. There are no right or wrong answers to the following questions. We are looking for students from a diversity of backgrounds who could benefit from this experience. If you are accepted, your responses will be used to help match you with a mentor. We are looking for students who are passionate about conducting field biology in the mountains.

Give an example that proves your dedication and sincere enjoyment of doing field research. (100 word limit)

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Describe how your experience at RMBL would fit into this trajectory. (40 word limit)

Describe a situation in which you've failed at something. How did you deal with the failure? (100 word limit)

Give a scenario of when you have been in a physically uncomfortable situation (e.g. bad weather, insects, outdoors etc.) and how you were able to tolerate the conditions. (100 word limit)

How would your friends or family describe you? Include both positive qualities and some thing you'd like to improve about yourself. (40 word limit)

Describe an experience where a mentor helped you grow. (100 word limit)