



**AORE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS – deadline extended!**
Applications due via email to tammie.stenger@wku.edu
by Friday, January 20, 2012 at 12:00 noon Central

We would like to thank the following organizations for providing financial support for professional development for AORE members.

American Alpine Institute

Professional or Student Members

- Four \$750 scholarships for Alpine Mountaineering and Technical Leadership Part I

American Mountain Guides Association

Professional or Student Members

- One scholarship for a Single Pitch Instructor Course
- One scholarship for a Climbing Wall Instructor Course/Exam

Landmark Learning

Professional or Student Members

- One scholarship for a Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

Professional Climbing Instructors Association

Student Members Only

- One scholarship for a Base Managed Climbing Instructor Course
- One scholarship for a Climbing Wall Instructor Course

Wilderness Medical Associates

Professional or Student Members

- One scholarship for \$150 off any WMA course

Wilderness Medical Training Center

Professional or Student Members

- One scholarship for a WFR Recertification Course

All scholarship applicants must be current AORE members over the age of 18. Scholarships are not transferrable. Recipients are responsible for travel to the course site. Any scholarship funds not utilized by December 31, 2012 will be forfeited.

Submission Requirements:

Scholarship applicants must submit the following information via email to tammie.stenger@wku.edu by 12pm Central, on **January 20, 2012**:

1. Scholarship application form
2. Resume (maximum 2 pages)
3. Outdoor Experience Inventory/Trip Log
4. Answers to Supplemental Questions (on specific scholarship application page)

Please save all application materials in a single electronic file, deleting all extra pages of the packet.

For additional information please contact Tammie Stenger-Ramsey by email tammie.stenger@wku.edu or phone (270) 745-6063.

AORE Professional Development Scholarship Application Form

Deadline for application – Extended to January 20, 2012

Please email applications to Tammie Stenger-Ramsey (tammie.stenger@wku.edu) by 12pm, on January 20, 2012. **Please save all application materials in one file.** Please **name the file as your last name and the name of the scholarship** you are applying for and attach to the email (for example – *Smith AMGA ClimbingWall.doc*). If you are applying for more than one scholarship, please submit a **separate application for each scholarship**. Please delete extra pages.

Name _____ Date _____

Employer/School _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, _____ Zip _____

Ph (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____ Email _____

Please place an X on the blank beside the scholarship for which you are applying:

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The American Mountain Guides Association

AORE Single Pitch Instructor

Scholarship Application

The AMGA recognizes the potential in AORE members to influence the future of the outdoor education and recreation profession and is proud to offer a free AMGA Single Pitch Instructor course to current AORE members.

The American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) Single Pitch Instructor Program (SPI) is the first course in the AMGA sequence of climbing instructor and guide training programs. The course is intended to help transition already capable recreational climbers into climbing instructors. It is designed to benefit outdoor instructors, aspiring guides, and climbers who facilitate or seek to facilitate top rope climbing programs in group settings such as camps, schools, universities, therapeutic groups, and climbing schools. The course focuses on the learning and application of technical skills as they are applied in all forms of top rope climbing instruction – both base and top managed systems. The course also addresses fundamental educational and environmental principles as they relate to teaching climbing.

The AMGA Single Pitch Instructor will “*Facilitate and instruct rock climbing in a single pitch setting*”. The course will be 3 days long with a totally separate 2 day assessment which will include participants teaching major lesson components and traditional leading to minimum of 5.6 grade will be assessed (as per UIAA minimum standards for program endorsement). All course participants receive a written evaluation at the end of the course and are granted a one-year associate membership in the AMGA. An AMGA certification the in Single Pitch Instructor Program is granted to participants who successfully complete the separate two day practical exam.

SPI Course Candidate Pre-Requisites

- At least two years prior climbing experience.
- Outdoor Experience Inventory showing at least 40 days of recreational climbing and/or climbing instruction in the past two years or a minimum of five years climbing experience.
- Able to comfortably set-up top rope climbs, to belay, and to rappel without guidance and can demonstrate basic familiarity with anchoring principles, natural anchors and artificial anchors (wedges, hexes, passive and active cams). These skills may be assessed at the start of the course.
- Capable of comfortably climbing a minimum of 5.8 grade routes while on a top rope.
- Capable of traditional leading a minimum of 5.6 grade routes.
- Current basic first aid and CPR certifications
- Own personal equipment necessary in the course.

Supplemental Questions: (Use additional pages if necessary)

1. Please describe your short and long term professional goals in the field of Outdoor Recreation and Education.

2. How will completion of the AMGA Single Pitch Instructor Program help you reach your professional goals?

3. Please describe the outdoor education/recreation program you are currently working for along with your specific job responsibilities.

4. Please describe why you and/or your agency are applying for financial assistance.

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The American Mountain Guides Association

AORE Climbing Wall Instructor

Scholarship Application

The AMGA recognizes the potential in AORE members to influence the future of the outdoor education and recreation profession and is proud to offer a free AMGA Climbing Wall Instructor course to current AORE members.

The AMGA's Climbing Wall Instructor certification program was introduced in 2007 to address the needs of professionals who teach in an indoor or artificial wall environment. The CWI program aims to increase the level of professionalism in indoor climbing and to improve the level of climbing wall instruction. The two and one-half day program addresses the basic technical skills necessary to manage an instructional program at a climbing facility. The CWI certification program is the premier source for training and credentials for climbing wall instructors.

AMGA Climbing Wall Instructor Certification Program

The course is two and one half days in length, a minimum of 20 hours of instruction, skills demonstration, and evaluation. The course addresses the basic technical skills necessary to manage an instructional program at a climbing facility, and will address the following general topic areas:

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| Client orientation and instruction | Equipment and facility use |
| Teaching general climbing skills including movement | Rescue and emergency procedures |
| Teaching top-rope and lead belaying techniques | |

At a minimum, training for candidates shall occur in each of the following technical competency areas. Candidates shall possess sufficient knowledge, demonstrate skills, and/or demonstrate teaching ability in each competency area (if appropriate to the topic) in order to successfully complete the course.

Climbing Wall Course Candidate Pre-requisites*

- At least one year documented personal climbing experience (a minimum of 20 outings climbing indoors and/or outdoors).
- Current first aid and CPR (a minimum of American Red Cross Basic – 5.5 to 6.5 hours) and current CPR.
- Climbing ability: 5.8 top rope and 5.7 lead on artificial structures
- Movement demonstrating calm, confidence, good position, balance, solid base of support, no falls, and general body awareness
- Ability to demonstrate a controlled fall, both on a rope and bouldering

* The course can be audited by anyone unable to climb because of physical limitations. A letter outlining the areas passed will be issued.

Supplemental Questions: (Use additional pages if necessary)

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Landmark Learning

AORE LNT Master Educator Scholarship Application

The mission of Landmark Learning is to be the leading resource in education and training for the outdoor industry through our dedication to a culture of cooperation that builds national standards.

One deserving AORE member will receive a scholarship to attend a LNT Master Educator course at the Landmark Learning Basecamp in North Carolina. The scholarship covers tuition only, recipients are responsible for their own travel expenses to get to the course. Scholarships for Leave No Trace Master Educator courses are offered to applicants who most effectively demonstrate their ability to effectively reach large numbers of individuals with the Leave No Trace message. Strongest consideration will be given to applicants who have outdoor education teaching experience and have shown a willingness to further their own Leave No Trace training and are in largest need of financial assistance. Please submit the application materials to the contact listed below.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Conduct LNT Trainer courses regularly and consistently report on such courses to Leave No Trace, Inc.
- Write an article for the Association Newsletter upon completion of their Master Educator course.

To learn more about Landmark Learning and the courses they offer visit

<http://www.landmarklearning.org>

To learn more about Leave No Trace visit <http://www.lnt.org>

Supplemental Questions:

1. Describe yourself, the agency for which you work or volunteer, the nature of your work, and any achievements and goals related to the LNT mission.
2. Address the specific need for Leave No Trace training within your agency and/or area (local, state, region).
3. Describe how you intend to utilize the Master Educator training and estimate the number of individuals you plan to reach with the Leave No Trace message.
4. Please describe why you and/or your agency are requesting financial assistance.

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The Professional Climbing Instructors Association Base Managed Climbing Instructor Scholarship Application

The PCIA recognizes the potential in AORE student members to influence the future of the outdoor education and recreation profession and is proud to offer a free PCIA Base Managed Climbing Instructor Course to current AORE student members.

The PCIA Base Managed Climbing Instructor™ course (BMCI) provides instructors and potential instructors with an in depth and standardized understanding of the skills essential to teaching climbing in an outdoor setting. The emphasis is on refining core skills and improving educational delivery of material. The thirty hour (3 day) course builds upon the existing skills of competent recreational climbers and takes an in depth look at site selection, equipment, knot selection, anchor construction, rope systems, Leave No Trace practices, rescue and assistance skills as well as key instructional skills.

The scholarship will cover the cost of tuition for a PCIA Base Managed Climbing Instructor Course. Please see the course schedule for dates and locations at **PCIA.US**. Scholarship recipients are responsible for any travel and lodging related to the course.

Base Managed Climbing Instructor™ Course Pre-Requisites

The candidate must show an adequate experience level to the course provider illustrating that they are ready for the course. Examples include regular climbing for 2 – 3 years, a high intensity of climbing in the past few months, etc.

- Lead climbing experience is highly recommended but not required.
- You are able to comfortably set-up base managed climbs, to belay, and to rappel without guidance and can demonstrate detailed familiarity with anchoring principles, natural anchors and artificial anchors (wedges, hexes, passive and active cams). These skills may be assessed at the start of the course.
- You possess the personal equipment necessary for the course.
- You are capable of comfortably climbing 5.8 terrain while on a top rope.

Supplemental Questions: (Use additional pages if necessary)

1. Please describe your short and long term professional goals in the field of Outdoor Recreation and Education and how completion of the PCIA Site Based Climbing Instructor Program will help you reach your professional goals.

2. Realistically, how many people do you anticipate teaching to climb during the 12 months following your course. Please explain.

3. Please describe the outdoor education/recreation program you are currently working for along with your specific job responsibilities.

4. Please explain why you/and or your institution are applying for financial assistance.

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The Professional Climbing Instructors Association AORE Climbing Wall Instructor Scholarship Application

The PCIA recognizes the potential in AORE student members to influence the future of the outdoor education and recreation profession and is proud to offer a free PCIA Climbing Wall Instructor Course to current AORE student members.

The PCIA Climbing Wall Instructor Course provides instructors and potential instructors with an in depth and standardized understanding of the skills essential to teaching climbing in an indoor setting. It is the first step in a sequential approach to professional climbing instructor development. The course reinforces the importance of teaching technically accurate information and debunks many common climbing myths. The course emphasizes the presentation of sound fundamental skills to climbing gym participants, the formation of risk assessment and risk management skills and basic problem solving skills such as belay transitions and on wall coaching and assist techniques. Participants will be assessed on both their core knowledge and their ability to effectively teach and coach related skills.

PCIA CWI courses are offered throughout the US typically as a weekend course (Friday night, All day Saturday and Sunday + advanced study and assignments). For complete course description please go to the PCIA website (PCIA.US). Scholarship recipients are responsible for any travel and lodging related to the course.

Climbing Wall Instructor Course Pre-requisites

- The candidate must show an adequate experience level to the course provider illustrating that he/she is ready for the course. Examples include periodic climbing for 2 – 3 years, a high intensity of climbing in the past few months, etc.
- Able to easily put on harness and tie in appropriately.
- Able to belay with an aperture belay device and an assisted locking device in competent, comfortable and confident manner.
- Possess the personal equipment necessary for the course.
- Capable of comfortably top roping 5.8 on an artificial climbing wall.

Supplemental Questions: (Use additional pages if necessary)

1. Please describe your short and long term professional goals in the field of Outdoor Recreation and Education and how completion of the PCIA Climbing Wall Instructor Program will help you reach your professional goals.

2. Realistically, how many people do you anticipate working with at climbing walls during the 12 months following your course. Please explain.

3. Please describe the outdoor education/recreation program you are currently working for along with your specific job responsibilities.

4. Please describe why you and/or your institution are applying for financial assistance.

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Wilderness Medical Associates AORE Scholarship Application

The WMA recognizes the potential in AORE members to influence the future of the outdoor education and recreation profession and is proud to offer a scholarship worth \$150 to current AORE members.

The mission of Wilderness Medical Associates is to provide the highest quality medical training to people who work or play in remote areas.

Our practical courses give students the skills and confidence needed to respond to emergency medical situations.

This \$150 scholarship may be applied toward the tuition for ANY Wilderness Medical Associates course. Including Wilderness First Aid, Wilderness Advanced First Aid, Wilderness First Responder, Wilderness Advanced Life Support, Recertification, and Bridging Courses.

Supplemental Questions: (Use additional pages if necessary)

1. Please describe your short and long term professional goals in the field of Outdoor Recreation and Education.
2. For which WMA course do you plan on applying the scholarship funds? How will completion of that course help you reach your professional goals?
3. Please describe the outdoor education/recreation program you are currently working for along with your specific job responsibilities
4. Please describe why you and/or your agency are requesting financial assistance

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Wilderness Medicine Training Center AORE Scholarship Application

The WMTC recognizes the potential in AORE members to influence the future of the outdoor education and recreation profession and is proud to offer a scholarship worth \$250 to current AORE members for a Wilderness First Responder Distance Learning Recertification Course.

This scholarship may only be applied to the Distance Learning Program WFR Recertification; the practical session dates are Saturday & Sunday June 2-3, 2012.

The recipient must be currently certified with an approved provider or in their grace period, if any. A list of approved providers may be found at <http://www.wildmedcenter.com/recertification.html>

The recipient must register for the course by April 15, 2012. Registration is accomplished by sending in a copy of the scholarship certificate and a completed registration form; the forms must be received by April 15, 2012. A registration form may be downloaded by clicking on the dates next to the course listing at any of the following places: <http://www.wildmedcenter.com/recertification.html>, <http://www.wildmedcenter.com/schedule.html>, or wfrwemrecertification.com/home.html. The scholarship is not transferable.

Upon registration the recipient will receive a copy of "the Wilderness Medicine Handbook" via snail mail and access to the course web site and online test. The online test must be successfully completed by noon on Monday May 28, 2012 in order for the recipient to be admitted to the practical session.

Instruction and lab materials (except simulation clothing) are included in the scholarship; transportation, lodging, and meals are not.

Questions about the course and registration should be directed to Paul Nicolazzo preferably via email at paul@wildmedcenter.com

Supplemental Questions: (Use additional pages if necessary)

1. Please describe your short and long term professional goals in the field of Outdoor Recreation and Education and how this course will help you realize those goals.
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