



2009 AORE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

(Applications due via email to
tammie.stenger@wku.edu
by November 6, 2009 at noon)

This year multiple organizations have expressed their support of AORE and its membership and are offering scholarships for professional skill development to student and professional members of the association. We would like to thank the following organizations for supplying these excellent opportunities for our members.



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

All scholarship applicants must be current members of AORE and over the age of 18. Scholarships are for tuition only. Winners are responsible for travel to the course site. Winners must enroll in and participate in the course during the 2010 calendar year. Any scholarship funds not utilized by December 31, 2010 will be forfeited. Scholarship funds are not transferrable to another person.

Submission Requirements:

Scholarship applicants must submit the following information via email to tammie.stenger@wku.edu by noon on **November 6, 2009**:

1. Scholarship application form
2. Letter of Introduction
3. Current Resume (limit 2 pages maximum)
4. Outdoor Experience Inventory
5. Answers to Supplemental Questions (on specific scholarship application page)

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 – November 6, 2009

Please email applications and recommendation letters to the AORE Awards Committee Chair Tammie Stenger-Ramsey (tammie.stenger@wku.edu) by 11:59 am on November 6, 2009. Please save this document with your last name and the name of the scholarship you are applying for and attach to the email (*for example the name of the file might be – Stenger-Ramsey AMGA ClimbingWall scholarship.doc*) If you are applying for a scholarship from more than one organization, please submit a separate application form for each scholarship. Please delete the extra pages.

Name _____ Date _____

Employer _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, _____ Zip _____

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

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

American Mountain Guides Association

Professional or Student Members

_____ One scholarship for a Single Pitch Instructor Course

_____ One scholarship for a Climbing Wall Instructor/Exam Course

Landmark Learning

Professional or Student Members

_____ One scholarship for a Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

Please include all required documentation:

1. Scholarship application form
2. Letter of Introduction
3. Current Resume
4. Outdoor Experience Inventory
5. 1 Professional Letter of Recommendation (References may submit letters directly to tammie.stenger@wku.edu)
6. Answers to Supplemental Questions (on specific scholarship application page)

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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. Formally known as the AMGA Top Rope Site Manager Program (TRSM), the TRSM program will end on January 1st 2008 and be replaced with the AMGA Single Pitch Instructor Program. The main reasons for the advancement of the program are: (1) Keeping the program current and up to date with the evolving trends, (2) Increase the standards of the program to meet the international UIAA standard and gain UIAA Endorsement, (3) Strive to maintain the highest standard of instruction, and (4) Open up more terrain to the Single Pitch Instructor.

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 in the 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.

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The American Mountain Guides Association

AORE Climbing Wall Instructor/Exam

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.

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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. 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.
- Lead and/or assist with the Leave No Trace Trainer Course offered as a pre-conference session at the AORE Conference the following year.

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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