

# School for International Expedition Training



Greetings!

The School for International Expedition Training (SIET) is currently offering scholarships to qualified students. Below you will find scholarship information and a brief overview of our courses. If you are a student in outdoor/adventure education, aspiring mountaineer or an aspiring guide, you will certainly be interested in this unique opportunity!

## **Scholarship Information:**

The scholarships are for SIET International Expeditions, including the Ishinca, Yana, and Ski Programs. All courses are *advanced mountaineering or ski courses* that focus on expedition planning, glacier mountaineering, and technical climbing and/or skiing at high altitude (see course info below).

The award is up to \$1,500 and will be awarded to one or more students. To be eligible for the scholarship, simply [read the prerequisites](#) on the website, submit a course application, and in a separate word document, explain why you should be awarded a scholarship (there is not a separate scholarship form/app).

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following:

- 1) The experience of the applicant
- 2) The applicant's need for financial assistants
- 3) The applicant's aspirations (educational, personal expeditions, etc)

Scholarship applications (essay questions) **are due March 15**. Recipients will be notified on April 1.

## **Course Information:**

These unique programs are designed to provide cutting edge training for aspiring mountaineers who plan to one day lead their own expeditions or wish to become instructors in the industry of outdoor education. Most students take SIET courses in order to gain the experience they need to become mountain guides or work for institutions such as NOLS. Eligible students can earn up to 3 credits for this course through Green Mountain College.

The courses will integrate a curriculum progression that is skills intensive with the intention that students will finish the course with the skills they need to plan and execute their own expeditions in foreign

countries. This is an advanced mountaineering course for students that have taken beginner to intermediate level courses from a university program or an institution such as NOLS or have accumulated equivalent experience on their own. Participants need to have prior mountain experience and or technical rock climbing experience. All students must be reasonably fit as they will be climbing glaciated peaks up to ~20,000 feet (see the prerequisites on our web site).

Curriculum topics include: risk management, leadership techniques for expedition leaders, organizing international expeditions, high altitude physiology, crevasse rescue, rope team management, snow/ice climbing techniques, avalanche awareness and much more.

Certificates of completion:

- Avalanche Field Course
- Companion Rescue
- LNT Trainer (optional)
- SIET Advanced Mountaineering/Ski Mountaineering Course

**Scholarship Questions (please answer in <800 words):**

1) Technical experience: Please tell us about your most influential ascents in each of the following disciplines: rock and alpine.

2) Teaching background: Briefly describe your teaching/instructional background (if any) and your aspirations for teaching and/or guiding in the future.

3) Risk management: Please describe your motivation for contributing to the mountaineering community by increasing the level of risk management in the industry; how will you help spread SIET's mission?

Include a brief outdoor resume, and which course and date you prefer.

Please send your answers (in a Word doc) and any questions to:

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