

# The 50/50 Scholarship

ASPIRING OUTDOOR EDUCATORS, GUIDES, AND ADVENTURERS!

The School for International Expedition Training (SIET) is currently offering a 50/50 Scholarship to a qualified student for the [Ishinca Valley](#) or [Ski Mountaineering](#) Expedition in Peru! SIET will donate \$500 to students that can get their own college, company, club, or other institution to put in \$500. This gives students an opportunity to train with SIET with a \$1,000 reduction in tuition!

To apply for the scholarship:

- 1) Read the prerequisites below
- 2) Answer each of the three scholarship questions (below) in 800 words or less
- 3) Email your essay **and** the contact info of the person that will be paying the other \$500 toward your tuition to [info@expeditiontraining.org](mailto:info@expeditiontraining.org)

Scholarship applications are **due May 1**. Recipients will be notified by May 3.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the applicants' experience and aspirations:

- We are looking for students that are aspiring mountain guides and/or outdoor educators and need more formal education and expedition experience before entering the field as a professional.
- We are looking for students that will help SIET exponentially spread a high level of risk management standards throughout the mountaineering and guiding community.

## Course Overview:

There are 3 expeditions to choose from: The Ishinca Expeditions (2) and the Ski Mountaineering Expedition. 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 guides or instructors in outdoor education. Eligible students can earn 3-5 credits for this course and up to 4 certificates of completion.

This is an *advanced mountaineering course* with the curriculum focusing on the following topics: expedition planning, risk management, leadership skills, guide techniques, short roping/pitching, organizing international expeditions, high altitude physiology and tactics, self rescue and crevasse rescue, rope team management, snow/ice climbing techniques, avalanche education and much more. Please see [our website](#) for more detailed course information.

## Prerequisites:

Technical Skills:

- Firm understanding of anchor building, lead climbing, and rappelling
- Basic understanding of rescue fundamentals such as 3:1 pulleys and fixed line ascension
- Can climb sustained 60 degree snow, and moderate fifth class rock
- Basic understanding of the fundamentals of travel techniques in avalanche terrain
- Must possess an understanding of current industry standards pertaining to technical application and risk management

- In addition to the prerequisites above, you must meet the prerequisites for SIET International Expeditions:  
<http://expeditiontraining.org/image.php?f=/docs/PREREQUISITESFORINTERNATIONALEXPEDITIONS.pdf>

#### Leadership Skills:

- Can consistently role model exemplary expedition behavior
- Possess an accurate self-awareness regarding personal and technical limitations

#### Other Skills:

- Applicants must be fit enough to not only climb technical terrain at high altitude but also possess the ability to thrive and learn in such environments, especially in adverse conditions
- Basic to intermediate Spanish is helpful
- A love for colorful cultures and customs, adventure and *long days* of honing technical skills in the big hills!

#### **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.

Questions?

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