

THE AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB MOUNTAINEERING FELLOWSHIP FUND GRANT

Mountaineering Fellowship Fund grants encourage young American climbers age 25 years and under to go into remote areas and seek out climbs more difficult than they might ordinarily be able to do. Unexplored mountain ranges, unclimbed peaks, and difficult new routes will be looked upon with favor, as will any project in keeping with the charter and purpose of The American Alpine Club.

The grants are made available through the **Boyd N. Everett, Jr. Memorial Fund**, the **John R. Hudson Memorial Fund**, the **Rick L. Mosher Memorial Fund**, **Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI Challenge Fund)**, and from annual contributions from the public. While grants are not large enough to entirely finance an individual, it is hoped they make it possible for a few young climbers to gain experience in mountain areas that would otherwise be out of their reach.

There are two series of grants per year and application deadlines are April 1st and November 1st. Grant applications must be made electronically in MS Word or PDF format by the due date. A valid scanned signature and initials must be inserted into the document in the appropriate sections. Grants are usually between \$300-\$800 and recipients are notified eight to ten weeks after the application deadline.

Selection Criteria

- Only U.S. citizens 25 years old or younger may apply (applicants must be no older than 25 at the time of the application deadline).
- Grants are based on the proposed project's excellence and evidence of mountaineering experience.
- Membership in The American Alpine Club is not a prerequisite.
- Members of a single expedition may apply individually (organized groups/expeditions are ineligible).
- Grants are not available for the purpose of climbing instruction.

Responsibilities

- All grants are unconditional.
- Within one month of returning, all grant recipients must submit to the AAC a written report of the expedition for possible inclusion in AAC publications.
- If for any reason the climbing objective is canceled or significantly changed (i.e. a new route attempt of Rakaposhi turns into rock climbing in Thailand) awarded funds must be returned to the AAC.
- Successful grant recipients may be asked to give a slide show or other presentation regarding the expedition at the AAC's Annual Meeting.

Submit application to:

The American Alpine Club
ATTN: Mountaineering Fellowship Fund Grant
Email: getinfo@americanalpineclub.org

Tel: (303) 384-0110

THE AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB MOUNTAINEERING FELLOWSHIP FUND GRANT APPLICATION

In order to process your application as quickly as possible we ask that you please:

- Submit electronically in MS Word or PDF formats. You must include a valid scanned signature and initials inserted into the document or send a signed copy of this application by post.
- Type or print clearly
- Submit to the AAC on or before the April 1st or November 1st deadline.

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Email: _____

Amount Requested: _____ Dates of Climb: _____

- Yes, I am a member of the AAC (membership is not a requirement but is appreciated)
- Yes, I am a U.S. citizen (only U.S. citizens may apply)

Climbing project for which financial aid is sought (climbing area, peak(s), specific known routes, etc.):

Explain in less than 100 words the proposed climb's significance (unexplored region, first women's ascent, etc.):

Names of other expedition members:

Most important ascents (no more than five) within the last five years:

List names, email addresses and telephone numbers of two people with whom you've climbed to serve as references:

By my signature, I agree that:

- All of the information presented here is accurate and true.
- Any awarded funds will be used for the purposes stated and that any changes in plans will be reported to the AAC.
- If for any reason the climbing objective is canceled or significantly changed (i.e. a new route attempt on Rakaposhi turns into rock climbing in Thailand) awarded funds must be returned to the AAC.
- I will be responsible for any taxes that may apply to the award received.
- Neither I, nor any member of my team, have been convicted of any crime or been excluded, banned, or disciplined from climbing in any area.
- In any presentations, lectures, or slide shows about my trip, I will mention that I received an AAC grant and include an AAC slide (sent to all winners) in my show.

Signed: _____ Social Security #: _____ Date: _____
(for tax purposes only)

Additionally, the AAC appreciates your submitting a project report 60 days after your return and allowing the AAC to include it in any publications (copies of photos are also appreciated).

AGREEMENT

Release and Discharge, Acceptance of Responsibility and Acceptance Of Risks

THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. YOU MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND IT BEFORE INITIALING OR SIGNING IT.

Name _____

If under age 18, name of guardian _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Date _____

I, the above named person, being above age eighteen, or the legal guardian of the above named person who is under age eighteen, in consideration of receiving a grant from the American Alpine Club, hereby acknowledge, agree and promise and covenant with the American Alpine Club and all other persons or entities, and release and discharge the American Alpine Club on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and estate as follows:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I understand and acknowledge that the activity for which I am receiving this grant in and which I voluntarily engage in bears certain risks that could result in injury, death, illness or disease, physical or mental, or damage to my property. Among these risks are the following:

1. The nature of the activities themselves, mountaineering, rock climbing, ice climbing and any combination thereof ;
2. acts or omissions or negligence in any degree of the American Alpine Club, its agents or employees, and other persons or entities;
3. the acts of other participants in these activities;
4. weather conditions;

5. contact with plants or animals;
6. my own physical condition, or my own acts or omissions;
7. condition of roads, trails, waterways or terrain, and accidents connected with their use and the use of vehicles of approach, including, but not limited to land vehicles, aircraft, fixed and rotary wing;
8. first-aid, emergency treatment or other services rendered;
9. consumption of food or drink.

I understand and acknowledge that the above list is not complete or exhaustive, and that other risks, known or unknown, identified or unidentified, may also result in injury, death, illness or disease or damage to my property

I HAVE READ THIS SECTION AND INITIAL IT TO SHOW THAT I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE_____

RELEASE

I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge the American Alpine Club, its agents or employees, and all other persons or entities from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action, which are related to the activity for which the grant is received, **including specifically, but not limited to, the negligent act or acts or omissions of the American Alpine Club**, its agents, or employees, and other persons or entities, for all injury, death, illness or disease and damage to my property.

I further agree, promise and covenant to hold harmless and indemnify **the American Alpine Club**, its agents or employees and all other persons or entities for any such injury, death, illness, disease or damage.

I agree, promise and covenant not to sue, assert or otherwise maintain or assert any claim against **the American Alpine Club**, its agents or employees, and all other persons or entities, for any injury, death, illness, disease or damage to my property, arising from the receipt of said grant or connected with my participation in these activities.

I have read this section and initial it to show that I understand and agree:_____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EFFECT OF THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT

I understand and acknowledge that by initialing and signing this document I have given up certain legal rights and/or possible claims which I might otherwise assert or maintain against **the American Alpine Club**, its agents or employees, and other persons or entities, **including specifically, but not limited to, rights arising from the acts or omissions, and negligence in any degree, of the American Alpine Club, its agents or employees, and all other persons or entities.**

It is agreed and understood by and between the parties that any legal dispute arising out of the Agreement is to be adjudicated under the laws of the State of Colorado.

It is also agreed and understood by and between the parties that, if any Court should vacate or strike and portion of this Agreement, such vacating or striking will not effect any other portion of this Agreement.

I have read this section and initial it to show that I understand and agree: _____

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

I understand that this is the entire agreement between me and **the American Alpine Club, its agents** or employees, and it cannot be modified or changed in any way by the representations or statements of any employee or agent of **the American Alpine Club**, or by me.

I have read this section and initial it to show that I understand and agree: _____

My signature below indicates that I have read this entire document, understand it completely and agree to be bound by its terms.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (if under age 18) _____

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS: _____