



MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND



Mountaineering & Climbing Bursary

INFORMATION NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

Aim:

To give financial support, and to encourage, climbers and mountaineers in a wide range of mountaineering and climbing disciplines to undertake their activities. To gain feedback from written reports/articles (and other forms of media) of their activities that will help motivate and encourage others to excel and/or to engage in both the adventurous element of our activity and the competitive element of the 'sport'.

The Bursary is available for MCoS Members over the age of 14.

Bursary Criteria:

The award shall be made to individuals or 'teams' in the following disciplines:

Bouldering	[short/low level non-roped climbing]
Sport Rock Climbing	[in-situ bolt protected]
Adventure Rock Climbing	[leader placed & removable protection]
Adventure Winter Climbing	[leader placed & removable protection]
Sport Mixed Climbing	[in-situ bolt protected rock and ice]
Alpine Style Climbing	[Multi pitch / multi day mixed snow & rock faces]
Big Wall Style Climbing	[Multi pitch / Multi day rock walls climbed in an
Himalayan Style Climbing	[Multi day ascents of predominantly winter or 'Mixed' Style walls of the peaks of the Himalaya and similar areas at or above 8,000m]
Competitive Climbing	[competing at National and International level in competitive climbing]
Ski-mountaineering	[Traversing mountainous or remote areas on ski]

The award shall be made to individuals and ‘teams’ undertaking some or all of the following objectives:

- The pursuit of excellence or adventure in climbing and mountaineering
- The intent to achieve first ascents or first free ascents of climbs that are worthy of national and international recognition
- The exploration of new climbing / mountaineering venues
- The achievement of excellence through competitive performance
- To represent the country (Scotland) and MCofS at international level

The Award shall be made to individuals and ‘teams’ undertaking their activity at the following Venues:

- The awards will be given to applicants that aim to achieve the above objectives at any ‘climbing’ venue in the world.

Conditions of Grant:

1. **ALL** applicants **MUST be in MCofS Membership.**
2. Applicants **must have a strong connection with Scottish mountaineering.**
3. They must adhere to UIAA and MCofS codes on climbing behaviour and environmental standards and observe any mountaineering regulations of the country they visit.
4. They must notify the MCofS of **ANY** changes to their original application including changes of members or objective at which time the status of the bursary shall be reviewed.
5. The full grant must be returned if the event the does not proceed.
6. Grants are not available for commercial or fee-paying groups or individuals, guided expeditions or charity events.
7. Applicants must acknowledge the support of the MCofS and **sportscotland** in reports, publications or lectures including use of the appropriate logos.
8. Applicants must submit a completed UIAA database questionnaire if applicable.
9. If applicants fail to observe the conditions they may be deemed ineligible for future support.
10. Award recipients must supply the following to the MCofS on completion of their objective:
 - a. The production of two reports to the MCofS; one to be lodged with **sportscotland** and one at the MCofS library and to be used for MCofS promotional material.
 - b. The production of an article based on the report for use by the MCofS on the website and in the magazine.
 - c. The delivery of a presentation (in various media formats) for the MCofS if requested, either for internal use or at suitable MCofS (and independent) events.
 - d. The promotion of the MCofS to National and International organisations and climbers across the globe.

Application Procedure:

- Applications for this award can be made direct to the MCofS using the appropriate application form (available from the MCofS website or from the MCofS Office).
- Applications must be legible, and be as detailed as possible.
- Applications must be made before the deadline of *March 1st* in the year of the proposed activity. The MCofS screening committee will reserve the right to interview applicants where necessary. Such interviews will occur in the months of March or April.
- Applicants applying direct to MCofS for a bursary, and whose objective does not meet BMC criteria but who require official British approval from the BMC to obtain permits from host countries should make a separate application to the BMC for this.

Relationship between MCofS and BMC/MEF Grants:

- There are a number of other bodies awarding grants to expeditions and details of these are contained in the enclosed Information package. It should be noted that each body has differing award criteria; particularly the Mount Everest Foundation (MEF), and BMC, whose awards are for 'Expeditions'.
- 'Expeditions' who are applying for an MEF Award will also be considered automatically for an MCofS Bursary if they complete the appropriate section of the MEF application form (please tick the MCofS box on the MEF application form). These should be requested from the MEF secretary at the address below.
- The BMC administers the Sport England grants for expeditions and application for these should be done via the MEF application process. Please tick the BMC box on the MEF form.
- A MCofS Bursary will not duplicate a grant from the BMC. The expedition members must decide whether they are a 'Scottish' or a 'British' expedition. The MCofS will make an assessment as to the 'Scottish' nature of an expedition team on the basis of place of birth, resident addresses and/or whether the team members have a strong connection with the Scottish mountains and Scottish mountaineering. If an expedition comprises members from both MCofS and BMC and / or considers itself to be a joint 'team' the MCofS and BMC screening committees will collaborate and make an assessment of how much of any agreed funding is allocated from each body.

Before you apply:

- The MCofS does not expect to provide more than a minor part of the finances of an application. Applicants should therefore bear in mind the limited resources and should be able to show that a large proportion of the estimated budget will be raised elsewhere, and that personal contributions are of an adequate size.
- The MCofS cannot provide assistance if an applicant runs into financial difficulty. Applicants should therefore consider alternative support in the case of an emergency, since financial insolvency could damage the reputation of Scottish mountaineering and harm future grant awards.

Payment of Grant:

The MCofS will notify successful applicants after screening. Payment will be made prior to departure.

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Website: www.mcofs.org.uk Email: kev@mountainering-scotland.org.uk

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RESEARCH INFORMATION

The following organisations etc. provide information for expeditions and mountaineers who are contemplating a trip to the greater ranges.

1 SPECIALIST INFORMATION

The Expedition Advisory Centre (1, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 2AR, Tel. 071 581 2057) which is based at the Royal Geographical Society, produces a wide range of publications and runs lectures and seminars. They can produce tailor-made information packs for different mountain areas and keep a library of expedition reports which is held in the RGS Map Room (from where copies of maps are also available).

The British Mountaineering Council also has a range of information sheets covering mountain areas which contain information on permits etc. which are held at their offices in Manchester (address below)

2 MOUNTAINEERING LIBRARIES

The most comprehensive collection of mountaineering books is held at the Alpine Club Library. The club also has a computerised Himalayan index from which, for a small charge, all known references to a given peak can be obtained (55 Charlotte Rd, London EC2A 3QT, Tel. 071 613 0755: check with the librarian for opening times etc.). The most useful general references are the Alpine Journal, American Alpine Journal and the Himalayan Journal. Other collections exist at:

Fell and Rock Climbing Club Library (Lancaster University Library)

Yorkshire Ramblers Club Library (Leeds Central Library)

Rucksack Club Library (Manchester Central Library)

Alan Rouse Memorial Library (Sheffield City Library: Tel. Lesley Gunter, 0114 273 5929)

Graham Brown Memorial Library (Scottish National Library, Edinburgh)

Scottish Mountaineering Club Library (SMC members only)

Audery Salkeld private collection (7 Linden Rd. Clevedon, Avon)

MCoFS Office Library (Old Granary, West Mill Street, Perth): MCoFS Grant Aided Expedition's Reports from 1980's to present day.

3 GUIDES AND MAPS

Specific and general guidebooks to even remote areas are available from Cordee (Tel. 0533 543 579), West Col (Tel. 0491 681284) or Cicerone Press (Tel. 05395 62069). Good map shops include Edward Stanford (12-14 Long Acre, London, WC2 9LP, Tel. 071 836 1321) and The Map Shop (15 High St, Upton on Severn, Worcs, WR8 0HJ) which both operate mail order service.

4 GRANTS

The two main bodies providing financial support for mountaineering expeditions are The Mount Everest Foundation and The BMC. There are also several other awards and funds details of which can be found in the "Directory of Grant Giving organisations" produced by The Expedition Advisory Centre.

MAIN GRANT GIVING BODIES

The Mount Everest Foundation:

Created primarily to support and encourage exploration of mountain regions, particularly little explored or formerly inaccessible areas; expeditions attempting faces, ridges and summits by first ascents or by established routes in more challenging conditions; as well as primarily scientific expeditions. Information and application forms are available from the Honorary Secretary (W.H. Ruthven, Gowrie, Cardwell Close, Warton, Preston, PR4 1SH. Tel. 0772 635 346).

The British Mountaineering Council:

The international Committee of the BMC provides support for expeditions exploring remote mountain areas or making first British ascents or ascents of technically demanding objectives in the greater ranges, by obtaining and awarding Sports Council grants and/or giving an expedition approved status. Their criteria are similar to those of the MEF. Application forms for BMC grant are available from the MEF secretary. Information regarding BMC grants is available from the BMC (177-179 Burton Road, West Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2BB. Tel: 0870 010 4878).

Nick Estcourt Award:

For teams attempting difficult routes. (Secretary, 24, Grange Rd, Bowden Cheshire, WA14 3EE).

Alison Chadwick Memorial Fund:

Gives grants to women climbers (C/O The MEF Honorary Secretary)

Mick Burke Award:

Presented to film makers (BBC Natural History Unit, Whiteladies Rd, Bristol 8).

Sang Award:

For Scottish expeditions (Scottish Mountaineering Club, Hon. Sec. Mr JRR Fowler, 4 Doune Ter. Edinburgh, EH3 6DY. Tel. 031 226 4055).

Liam Elliot Memorial Award:

Gives grants to young Scottish Expeditions (C/O Hamish Irvine, Feoran, Craig na Gower Avenue, Aviemore PU22 1RW).

The Kenneth Smith Scholarship / Memorial Adventure Award:

Given by the Alpine Ski Club (GB) to ski mountaineering trips, especially young skiers. £400 available. Non-members may apply. (sae to The ASC Awards sub-committee, Mrs Jay Turner, 34 Clarence Way, Horley, Surrey RH6 9GT, Tel. 01293 820 836)

The Georgina Travers Award:

Given by the Eagle Ski Club and offering £300 towards ski mountaineering expeditions (sae to The Eagle Ski Club, Touring Secretary, Nigel Estlick, Kent House, Amesbury, Wiltshire SP4 7AP, Tel. 01980 623 087)

MANUFACTURERS AWARDS

Several Manufacturers have now set up an awards system rather than offering sponsorship. Below is a selection of known current awards:

The Polartec Challenge:

Aimed at courageous and unusual outdoor undertakings by mostly self-financing teams. Look up details at www.polartec.com. Deadline for entries is the end of September.

Helly Hansen Mountain Adventure Award:

For small non-guide-based expeditions, using predominantly human-powered approaches and tactics to achieve their objectives. Climbing new routes, rarely repeated historic routes, exploring uncharted territory and those using unconventional means on unconventional routes! £2,500 in cash and sets of clothing awarded. (HH Mountain Award, Marketing Dept. Helly Hansen UK, Regent House, Clinton Avenue, Nottingham NG5 1AZ).

OTHERS**The Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship:**

Often this annual award includes a category for 'adventure exploration'. (Details obtained by sending an sae to 'The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust' 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR. Closing dates for applications is October 24th).

5 MEDICAL

The UIAA Mountain Medical Centre produce a range of excellent information sheets covering problems concerned with acclimatisation, cold injury etc. (C/O Dr Charles Clarke, Saint Bartholemews Hospital, 38 Little Britain, London, EC1A 7BE). Information on immunisation is available from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as well as several commercial companies including MASTA (PO Box 14, Gosport, Hampshire, PO12 3SJ)

6 INSURANCE

A full range of mountaineering and travel insurance is available to MCofS and BMC individual members and members of affiliated clubs. The policies include cover for world-wide, extended period and expedition cover; equipment, travel and personal cover. Contact the MCofS National Officer or the BMC Insurance Services Ltd. direct for information.

7 FREIGHT SERVICES

Various airlines and commercial companies offer freight services. One company specialising in expedition needs is Expedition Freight, Pant-y-Cafn, Llenberis, Gwynedd LL55 4UW, Tel. 0286 872 454.