

Neil Mackenzie Adventure Grant 2016

It is 7am, late November and the sun hasn't quite crested over the horizon. The ground is covered in a thin film of frost. The climbing party arrives at the base of the climb, and its members are questioning whether they should wait a bit for the temperature to rise and the rock to warm before starting the ascent. But in Neil Mackenzie's mind, there is no doubt about it - after all there is rock to be climbed, isn't there? So he leads up a thin crack and begins placing protection as he ascends. Halfway up, he reaches the crux and slows down. He yells down hesitantly to his shivering belayer: "I can't quite feel my fingers ... It's pretty chilly up here! Eeh well, I suppose I've got no other choice but to continue up!". And so he does ...

Neil Mackenzie had a true passion for the outdoors and always had an eye out for adventure, whether it was skiing, surfing or climbing. The more obscure an alpine objective was, the greater it tickled his enthusiasm. From his youth's stomping grounds in the Scottish Highlands, he expanded outwards exploring the alpine regions of Europe, North America and Japan. On all of these trips he brought with him his infectious enthusiasm, his watchful eye and of course, a dram of Scotch whisky! When the going was difficult, Neil invariably took up the sharp end of the rope and would courageously find a passage to safety. He had dreams of exploring the more endless glaciated wilderness of BC's Coast Range for years to come. He inspired adventure wherever he went.

- Elliott Skierszkan

We, his parents, want to keep Neil's memory alive in VOC by awarding a grant to a suitable applicant or applicants who can demonstrate a wish to seek adventure or training in physical outdoor activities, preferably in Scotland, and help them to achieve their objectives. The funding for an adventure will be divided - part funded by VOC fundraising, part by The Neil Mackenzie Trust, and part by the applicants themselves.

- Margaret and Angus Mackenzie

Adventure Grant

This award is founded in the memory of our past VOC member Neil Mackenzie. Three award of up to \$1500 will be awarded to individuals or members of a party to pursue an adventure abroad. The first award recipients will be presented at the end of year banquet in March 2016. Applications are open to members of VOC. Where there is a group, the individual members should put in their own application, and submit it together with the other members' applications, and a joint statement.

Criteria & Conditions, 2016

Eligibility

- Open to associate and student VOC members only.
- Individual or small groups may apply.
- Adventures should be executed in the upcoming year 03/2016 - 03/2017
- For group applications: individual members should each apply, and submit the teams applications together with a joint statement (300 words)
- Involvement with the VOC community is considered favourably
- Applications due by 4:00 pm January 29th in the clubroom

Funding

- Three grants awarded are up to \$1500/person and up to \$4500/team
- Grants will cover up to 65% of the total project cost. You need to pitch in or secure secondary funding. In exceptional circumstances it may be possible to apply directly to The Neil Mackenzie Trust for help with the secondary funding.

Adventure

- Any self-propelled adventure will be considered in the spirit of the VOC.
- Preference for applications for adventure in Scotland. However if no appropriate application is received other regions will be considered.
- Applicants must demonstrate sufficient technical experience and background to safely complete their proposed adventure (i.e. AST / Glacier School).
- A report on completion must be written and submitted to the VOC Journal as well as a separate report on practicality/comments/suggestions on the grant.

The final decision will be made by The Neil Mackenzie Trust, guided by the VOC grant committee. The applicants are responsible for their own insurance, the Trust and the VOC can take no responsibility for any claims or incidents arising out of the project.

Special Applications

Other applications may be considered, out of the main timescale, if money is available and the applicant is travelling to an academic course, conference or other activity. For example if you have a research conference in Edinburgh, you may with shorter notice apply for supporting funds to combine an outdoor trip alongside your conference.

We may request further details regarding this application, including financial ones to reach a decision.

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Neil Mackenzie Adventure Grant Application

Name:

Email:

Please give a brief outline of your adventure, including where, when and with whom.

Please provide a detailed budget for the project including sources of funding and the amount of grant you are applying for.

Personal Funds :
Other Grants :
Requested fund from Neil Mackenzie Adventure Grant :
Total Cost :

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What inspired you to pursue this particular adventure/destination?

How will this adventure challenge you? What do you hope to accomplish?

Why do you think you should be awarded this grant?

Signature:

Date:

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Group applications joint statement

(Please submit all individual applications together with this form)

Group statement (up to 300 words)

Member Names:

Group Signatures :

Date :