



Missouri State University Outdoor Adventures Trip Leaders Scholarship

Overview:

This scholarship is for students who are passionate about leading with their peers and working outdoors. Through this scholarship student trip leaders will be advised by the Outdoor Adventures Program (OA) and guide outdoor adventure trips, receive wilderness first aid training, and gain leadership experience. This scholarship is directly supervised by the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation – Outdoor Adventures.

Outdoor Adventures Mission:

Outdoor Adventures believes that everyone should have access to outdoor recreation regardless of financial background or experience level. We make this happen by providing all of our services at a student-friendly rate with experienced staff to guide you through your outdoor journey. Our services include a climbing wall, equipment rental, and trips program.

Purpose:

This scholarship was created to both provide tuition assistance to students passionate about the outdoors as well as to be able to compensate student trip leaders for their time and investment in overnight and break trips.

Desired Outcomes:

This scholarship strives to develop student trip leaders' outdoor leadership, risk management, intra/interpersonal, technical, and educational skills. As a byproduct students will gain job experience that is necessary if they wish to work in the outdoor industry post-graduation. Not only does OA hope to help its trip participants build a connection with nature, but this scholarship also hopes to cultivate its trip leader's relationship with the natural world. As a part of the Department of Campus Recreation, OA

and this scholarship work to provide a platform for inter-student interactions using the transformative properties of the natural world.

Details:

- Outdoor Adventures provides a service to the Missouri State community and is dependent on Trip Leader commitment to develop ideas and projects for the betterment of the program. Trip Leaders are responsible for being creative in the trips they lead and the developments they make in their time with the program. These developments must focus on providing an enjoyable, inclusive, and safe environment within the Outdoor Adventures community.
- Outdoor Adventures Trip Leaders are direct representatives of the organization. Their actions reflect the organization to the University and the broader Springfield community. As such, they are expected to act professionally and portray OA in a truthful light. On overnight trips and while working with vendors, this may be some people's only glimpse of the Outdoor Adventures community. This responsibility shouldn't be taken lightly.
- There is room in the program for students to develop and propose trip ideas they are passionate about. However, these trips must go through multiple levels of approval to ensure student safety and meet programmatic expectations.
- Outdoor Adventures is an inclusive program. Leaders will show care to one another and all participants. Trip Leaders will share knowledge, passion for the outdoors and outdoor ethics with participants. A Trip Leader will seek to foster this passion and care for the outdoors in their participants.
- The Trip Leader's role on the trip is to be the decision-making force. They need to make the calls necessary for a successful trip with student physical and emotional wellbeing in mind. Trip Leaders must never miss an opportunity to make a decision when it comes to the safety of the participants.
- Trip Leaders will make decisions based on their training, their experience, the emergency action plan binder, and the Wilderness First Aid Guide. If student directors or professional staff advisors are available, the primary leader should consult them to aid in their own conclusion. There are instances where the ultimate decision will be that of the student director or professional staff, not the Trip Leader. If there is an ongoing difference of opinion between Trip Leaders regarding how or whether to proceed on a trip, the most conservative option will be followed through.
- In the event of differing opinions between OA Trip Leaders and/or a third-party vendor representative, the lead Trip Leader will take into account the input from the third-party vendor and from other Trip Leaders. After doing such, Trip Leaders will use the aforementioned bullet to make a decision.

Minimum Qualifications to Receive Consideration:

The below qualifications will be the minimum criteria that are needed for scholarship recipients to be considered for the scholarship.

- Be enrolled in a minimum of 6 on campus credit hours (per semester receiving the scholarship) at Missouri State University, Springfield.
- Possess a minimum of 2.5 GPA.
- Be able to operate in an outdoor context in a variety of climates and weather.
- Safely able to lift/carry 30 lbs. with proper form.
- Obtain American Red Cross Wilderness First certification within the first 30 days of scholarship offer.

Desired Qualifications to Receive Consideration:

The below qualifications are desired for scholarship recipients but are not required.

- Good intra/interpersonal skills.
- Progressive decision-making skills.
- Commitment to being a good steward of the land they recreate on
- Outdoor recreation knowledge and or skills.
- Any medical certification (1st Aid, CPR, WFA, WFR, etc.).

Semester Scholarship Requirements:

The below requirements are the stipulations that scholarship recipients will adhere to in order to continue to receive scholarly aid.

- Maintain a 2.5 GPA.
- Volunteer a minimum of 4 hours a semester in community service (Outdoor Adventures sponsored or other approved opportunity).
- Assist with 2 on-campus events each semester.
- Obtain and maintain a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Certification
- Complete and obtain the Leave No Trace Outdoor Awareness Certificate prior to leading any trips
- Complete and obtain the American Red Cross Anaphylaxis and Epinephrine Auto-Injector online course
- Lead a minimum of 2 trips per semester.
- Attend Trip Leader Mentality Training, Pre-Spring Training, and be an active participant in other training opportunities (participant or instructor).
- Attend all WFA In-Service meetings.
- Will not consume alcohol/drugs while on a trip (No exceptions).

Benefits:

- Up to \$1,000 towards tuition per active semester.
- One piece of outdoor gear during Fall semester, valued at \$100 - \$150.
- Free participation on any OA day trip (as a participant if open spots are available).
- Free rental of Outdoor Adventures gear (trip leader will be responsible for late fees).
- Wilderness First Aid training at no cost (and recertification if needed).
- Leadership development through program training and informal training.
- Technical instruction on a variety of outdoor activities, including but not limited to camping, climbing, kayaking, canoeing, land navigation, and fishing.



Missouri State University Outdoor Adventures

Trip Leader Scholarship Application

Submission Criteria:

E-MAIL APPLICATION BACK TO OutdoorAdventures@MissouriState.edu BY: April 3rd 2024 11:59pm

**Please type your responses. Applications are due April 3rd. Notification of whether you will be offered an interview will be on April 5th. Interviews will be held the week of April 8 - 12.*

General Information

Name: _____

Graduation Year & Semester: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Current Certifications Held: (WFA, WFR, WEMT, Lifeguard, CPR, First Aid, etc.)

I will be available (check all that apply):

- Fall Training (August 2024)
- Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Training (Fall 2024)
- Winter/Spring TL Training (February 2025)
- Biweekly Inservice meetings 1st Aid and WFA (@7:00pm the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month)

I will be in Springfield the below semesters:

Summer 2024 Fall 2024 Spring 2025 Summer2025

What other time commitments do you currently have (please include number of hours per week)?

Please also include both on and off campus jobs, service, clubs, etc.

Long Answer Questions

Please answer the questions below in essay format. Maximum of 200 words per question

Why do you want to be a Trip Leader?

Describe your relationship with the natural world/outdoors?

Please explain why you think taking others outside has value?

If selected, what actions would you take to ensure that the "Outdoors are for all"?

Make up your own question and answer it.

Is there anything else you would like us to know?
