

Neil Mackenzie Adventure Grant Application Form 2022

Neil Mackenzie, known to his close friends as "Bell", 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 and friendly attitude. When the going got tough, Neil invariably took up the sharp end of the rope and found a passage through difficulties. He dreamt of exploring the endless wilderness of BC's Coast Ranges, and he inspired adventure and companionship wherever he went.

"We, his parents, want to keep Neil's memory alive in the VOC by awarding a grant to suitable applicants or teams who can demonstrate a wish to seek adventure 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. We are delighted that we are able to help young people achieve their goals and we have enjoyed meeting recipients of The Neil Mackenzie Adventure Grant both here in Scotland and in Vancouver. Since The Neil Mackenzie Trust was set up in 2015 it has also funded expeditions throughout the world and given outdoor skills training grants in Scotland."

Margaret and Angus Mackenzie

Adventure Grant

This award is founded in the memory of our past VOC member Neil Mackenzie. Awards of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to individuals or members of a party to pursue an outdoor adventure of their choice.

Applications are open to all members of the VOC. Applications will be judged based on:

- Spirit of adventure
- Quality and originality of trip plan
- Feasibility (financial & logistic). For 2022 the current COVID-19 situation will also be considered.
- Self-propelled travel is encouraged
- Active contribution in the VOC community
- Applicants must demonstrate sufficient technical experience and background to safely complete their proposed adventure (i.e. AST / Glacier School).
- Preference for adventures held in Scotland
- **Adventures in any other location will be considered**

It is important to note that an adventure in another country may be chosen over an adventure in Scotland if it expresses a stronger sense of adventure, self-propelledness and/or quality and originality.

Applicants who choose to go to Scotland are encouraged to consider a variety of trip possibilities, including paying a visit to the Camasunary Bothy (also referred to as "[Bell's Bothy](#)", in honour of Neil), which has been renovated in Neil's memory. The Scottish Highlands and Sea offer a variety of exciting

and challenging opportunities for outdoor pursuits, including kayaking, surfing, climbing, mountain biking, cycle-touring, trail running and bikepacking. Do some research and go explore!

The award deadline is **January 31, 2022**. Application forms should be emailed to VOC.mackenziegrant@gmail.com. Applications will be reviewed by the Neil Mackenzie Trust in cooperation with the VOC Neil Mackenzie Adventure Grant Committee in February. Award recipients will be notified in March, 2022. 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.

Criteria & Conditions, 2022

Eligibility

- Open to honorary, associate and student VOC members.
- Individual or small groups may apply.
- Adventures should be executed in the upcoming year 03/2022 – 03/2023
- Applications due by 11:59 pm, Pacific Standard Time, January 31, 2022.
- Award winners are **expected to complete a trip report and submit a version to the VOC Journal, and to the Neil Mackenzie Trust** (theneilmackenzietrust@dr.com). **A VOC slideshow presentation** following the trip is also expected.
- This year we are also asking applicants to address how their trip fits into the current COVI-19 situation.

Funding

- Grants awarded are up to \$2,000
- 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.
- The Trust does not contribute towards the purchase of equipment or clothing (e.g. rock or ice climbing gear, backpacks, puffy jackets or winter clothing, backpacks, paniers, etc.)

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.

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Name(s):

Email of all applicants:

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

What inspired you to pursue this particular adventure/destination?

Adventure can be defined as the "exploration of the unknown". Describe how your proposal embodies a spirit of adventure, and what you hope to accomplish.

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Indicate any specific skills required for the completion of your objective (e.g. knowledge of avalanche terrain, technical climbing, kayaking, navigation, etc.), and how your past experiences have prepared you for the challenges of this adventure.

For Group Applications Only: Explain how your group came together and list some past adventures you have had together (if possible). What is your group's vision for the trip?

Please provide a detailed budget for the project including sources of funding and the amount of grant you are applying for. Note that grants are awarded based on financial need for consumable costs (such as travel costs or equipment rental). Purchase of activity-specific gear should not constitute the dominant expense for which you are requesting funding.

<i>Personal Funds (list)</i>	:
<i>Other Grants (list)</i>	:
<i>Requested fund from Neil Mackenzie Adventure Grant (list)</i>	:
<u>Total Cost</u>	:

Briefly summarize some of your past contributions to the local outdoor community. This can include the VOC and other organizations. How do you hope to continue to give back to the outdoor community in the next year?

**** Addendum 2022 **** Please outline how you intend to safely carry out your trip given the current situation regarding COVID-19

Member Names:

Signatures :

Date :