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2014 EXPEDITIONS

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Protect the Poles.
Protect the Planet.

What is Students on Ice?

Students on Ice is an award-winning and globally unique educational program. Since 1999, we have taken more than 2,500 students, educators, elders, scientists, artists, musicians and leaders from 52 countries around the world on educational expeditions to the Arctic and the Antarctic.

We believe the Polar Regions are the world's greatest classrooms. They are the cornerstones of the global ecosystem and tremendous platforms for education in history, culture, science, political, social and environmental issues. The expeditions are inspiring and life-altering for the students involved. The expeditions represent once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for youth to expand their knowledge about the circumpolar world, to gain a global perspective of the Arctic, its wonders, and its present and future challenges. One of the key goals of the pioneering project is to "pass the torch" and give the world's youth a heightened understanding and respect for our Planet, and the inspiration, knowledge and motivation to protect it. Please see www.studentsonice.com for detailed information on the expedition, education program, videos and photos.

Eligibility Criteria

- Student must be enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary institution (or be home-schooled) at the time of application. We accept youth from any country in the world.
    - High school students must be between **14-18 years old** at the time of application.
- Student must submit a completed application form with 2 letters of reference.
- Student must demonstrate an interest in the Polar Regions, and must understand that this is an **educational expedition**, not a vacation. All students must be committed to participate fully in all aspects of the mandatory education program and research activities prior to and during the expedition.
    - University/college students may also enroll in an accredited field course offered during the expedition.
    - Successful applicants enrolled in expedition field courses must agree to participate in and complete any pre-expedition preparations and/or post-expedition assignments as directed by their respective instructors.
- Student must demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: strong academic ability and/or passion for learning; leadership qualities and/or potential to develop these qualities; active involvement in the community; and a desire to make a difference.
- Successful applicants must accept the responsibility to act as an ambassador for their communities and educational institutions.
- Applicants must possess a passport or have started the process of obtaining a passport.

Expedition Fees

Arctic Youth Expedition - July 9 to July 24, 2014
$10,900* from Ottawa

Antarctic Youth & University Expedition - December 26, 2014 to January 8, 2015
$14,500* from Toronto | $11,500* from Ushuaia

***Expedition Fees do not include travel to and from the gateway city of your choosing, or university course fees. Departure date may change based on gateway city.**

Course Selection *For University Students Only

Please visit the expedition website for information about field courses to be offered: www.uantarctic.org.
If space is limited, preference will be given to students enrolled in one of the expedition's accredited field courses. If you do not plan to enroll in a course, your application will still be considered. If you are accepted, you will be expected to fully participate in all aspects of the expedition's polar education program.

Administrative Deposit & Payment Options

- A $500 deposit is required with every general application. If submitted via cheque, this deposit will only be processed upon a participant's acceptance. If submitted via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), we recommend that this only be sent once a participant has been accepted.
    - ***A deposit is NOT required for scholarship applications. However, you may submit the $500 deposit to secure your spot in the event that your scholarship application is not successful. Please note this means you are committing to, and are responsible for the full expedition fee.***
- Generally, 50% of the expedition fee is due at least 120 days prior to departure and final balances are due at least 60 days prior to departure. Contact our office regarding expedition fee payment options; payment schedules may be customized to meet participant needs and financial capabilities.
- Payments can be made via EFT sent to finance@studentsonice.com or cheque. Please make cheques payable to *Students on Ice Inc.*
- All payments received within 120 days or more prior to the departure date are refundable, with the exception of a $250 administrative fee. When cancellations are received within 119 days of the departure date, payments are not refundable. We recommend that students purchase cancellation insurance.

Application Process

Step 1: Please ensure that you meet all of the eligibility criteria and read all instructions carefully.

Step 2: Ensure that you complete each of the following sections:

Part 1: Expedition Selection (Select the expedition you wish to join)

Part 2: Candidate Information (Pages 4 to 7)

Part 3: Supporting Information (2 reference letters, indication of passport status)

Part 4: Deposit ($500 – sent via electronic funds transfer (EFT) to finance@studentsonice.com OR a cheque made payable to *Students on Ice Inc.*)

Step 3: Submit your complete application by email, fax or mail. To minimize paper usage, please submit only pages 4 to 7 plus your additional document for answers to Section F.

EMAIL: apply@studentsonice.com

FAX: 1-819-827-9951

PHONE: 1-819-827-3300

TOLL-FREE : 1-866-336-6423

MAIL: Attn: Participant Coordinator
Students on Ice
Natural Heritage Building
1740 Pink Rd
Gatineau, QC
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❍ **ARCTIC 2014** **(All participants meet in Ottawa)**

❍ **ANTARCTIC 2014** **(Circle where you will meet the SOI group: Toronto OR Ushuaia)**

Section A: Personal Information

Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name(s):	❒ Male ❒ Female	❒ Inuit ❒ First Nations ❒ Metis	
Date of Birth:	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	Citizenship:	
Address:					
City:			Province/State/Territory:		
Postal/ZIP Code:			Country:		
Telephone (Home):			Telephone (Mobile):		
Email (Please print clearly):					
T-Shirt Size (Unisex): ❒ S ❒M ❒L ❒XL ❒XXL					

Section B: Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Relationship to Applicant:		
Last Name:	First Name:	
Address:		
City:	Province/State/Territory:	
Postal/ZIP Code:	Country:	
Tel. (Home):	Mobile:	Tel. (Work):
Email (Please print clearly):		

Section C: Parental Consent (Mandatory if applicant is under 18 years of age)

The signature below confirms that _____ (Applicant) has my permission to apply for the Students on Ice Expedition as specified in this application.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print): _____

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Section D: General Medical Information

Students must be capable of moderate physical activity, such as hiking. During days at sea, the possibility of rough sea conditions may lead to students experiencing seasickness. Although we are visiting during the summer season, daily temperatures may be below freezing, and students will be expected to participate in all daily excursions. These excursions, such as Zodiac boat cruises and shore landings, generally range from two to three hours in length. **Outline any medical conditions, illnesses and/or disabilities that require or have required the regular care of a doctor (e.g. allergies (food/medical/environmental), asthma, diabetes, recent surgery, heart disease, etc.):**

Section E: Education

At the time of the application, you are currently enrolled what grade/academic year:	
(For University/College students) Faculty/Program of Study & Major:	
School:	Address:
City:	Province/State/Territory:
Postal/ZIP Code:	Country:
Contact Name (Teacher/Principal/Professor/Advisor):	
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	

Section F: More About You

250 word limit per question. Please do not attach extra materials.

In a separate document, please answer the following questions as concisely and completely as possible.

1. Why do you want to participate on a *Students on Ice* expedition?
2. What does the Arctic/Antarctic represent to you?
3. What are your interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities?
4. Please share with us how you have overcome a challenge you've faced in your life.
5. In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge that your community faces? What are you doing to address this challenge?
6. How will you use you SOI experience to work towards meaningful change in your community, in your country, in the world?
7. How did you hear about this opportunity?

Section G: Your Financial Plan

This section provides a simple outline to help organize your independent fundraising goals in order to fund the expedition fee and your independent travel expenses to and from the gateway city. Please note that this section will not influence the selection process. If you were selected for the expedition, how would you plan to fund it?

Expedition Fee + Travel + Expenses = $			
Personal Savings	$	Fundraising Efforts	$
Community Support	$	Grants/Scholarships/ Bursaries/Financial Aid	$
Family Support	$	Other Sources	$

Section H: Course Selection *For University/College Students Only

Course details can be found on our expedition website: www.uantarctic.org. Please indicate whether or not you plan to enroll in one of the courses offered on the expedition.

- ❑ I plan to enroll in a course for credit.
  Course Name: _____
- ❑ I do not intend to enroll in a course.
- ❑ I am undecided and will email the Participant Coordinator (apply@studentsonice.com) when I have made a decision.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to do all of the necessary follow-up in order to enroll in one of the courses offered on the expedition. We will be happy to help you along the way.

Reference Letters

Please supply two letters of reference from people who know you well, such as: a teacher, principal, school counselor, boss, volunteer supervisor, or a member of your community. These people cannot be relatives or friends of the family. *If desired, referees can send letters to the Participant Coordinator separately for confidentiality purposes (apply@studentsonice.com). We ask that referees include the applicant's name and chosen expedition in the subject line of their email.

The referee should comment on some of the following: your academic abilities, character, attitudes, social adaptability and leadership qualities, and community engagement. Here are a few suggestions:

- **How long has the referee known the applicant and what is your relationship?**
- **What are the applicant's greatest strengths?**
- **How does the applicant demonstrate the following characteristics: consideration for peers, self-confidence, self-discipline, openness to new ideas, maturity, energy and enthusiasm?**
- **How is the applicant already involved in the community and do you see the applicant committing time and energy after the expedition to presentations, outreach and other community initiatives?**

Travel Documentation

Please indicate the status of your passport:

- ❒ I currently have a passport that is valid for 6 months after the expedition dates
- ❒ I am applying for/renewing a passport

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist – Do you have everything that SOI needs?

Please ensure your application includes the following:

- ❒ Expedition Selection and Completed Application Form (pages 4 to 7)
- ❒ Separate document with responses to questions in Section F
- ❒ 2 Letters of Reference
- ❒ Deposit of $500 via EFT or cheque (not required if applying for a scholarship; please see page 3)

Please email, fax, or mail your application to the Students on Ice office using the details provided on Page 2. You can expect to receive an email upon receipt of your application. We will then review your application and you will receive notification of your participation status within three weeks. Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications, we are not able to provide feedback on your application.

Thank you for your interest in Students on Ice expeditions! Good luck!