About the Leacross Foundation

Our mission is to educate Women and Children in society. We focus primarily in Canada, with some participation in Canadian charities which service overseas, such as Medecins Sans Frontieres or the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We hope to have an impact on families in Canada through opportunities which further higher education. We believe that each individual can succeed, if only they can get a little help along the way.

About the Scholarships

The Leacross Foundation/R. Bern is generously providing the opportunity for **five young women** to participate on Students on Ice's 2014 Antarctic Expedition, from December 26, 2014 to January 8, 2015. *(*Note that some participants may need to start travel on December 25.)* These scholarships are intended for students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to take part in an experience like this. These scholarships cover all of the expedition costs ($14,500 + travel). Applicants must demonstrate that they are emerging community leaders who have overcome personal challenges in their lives and express how this opportunity will help them further their goals. Applicants must demonstrate that they want to participate for the right reasons. This is not a vacation experience. It is a learning journey that requires time, energy, passion and interest, before, during and after the expedition. Scholarships are available for female Canadian high school students between the ages of 14-18, from coast to coast to coast. **Please read the selection criteria below to determine if you are eligible for this opportunity.**

Selection Criteria

- Candidate must be a **female**, Canadian citizen/Permanent resident between **14-18 years old** at the time of expedition.
- Currently be attending high school (or home-schooling) at the time of expedition.
- Understand that this is an **educational expedition**, not a vacation. She must be committed to participate fully in all aspects of the education program.

- Demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: a passion for learning; leadership qualities and/or potential to develop these qualities; a desire to make a difference; and be an active and responsible citizen who acts as a role model for other young women in your community.
- Act as an ambassador for your community and be prepared to share your journey and experiences with your community and country before, during and after the expedition. Students will be expected to be available for media interviews and to submit journal entries for the SOI Expedition Website and other blogs.
- Selected students may be required to meet and/or communicate with the Leacross Foundation President to discuss their experiences.

Submitting Your Application

- **To apply for the Leacross Foundation Scholarship, submit your response to the Supplementary Question below, along with the general Student Application Form,** which can be found on the Applications page our of website.
- **At the top of the page of your supplementary question, please list the following information: your name, the name of the scholarship, your city/community and province/territory.**
- Applications must be received by the SOI office by **5:00pm EST on September 15, 2014.** Submit your application and response to the supplementary question before the day of the deadline!
- If submitting by email, applications should be submitted as one combined PDF or Word document (please do not send multiple files). The file name should include your full name, and the name of the scholarship.
- Our fax machine can be very busy on the day of the deadline. We prefer scanned/emailed submissions. Please do not send your application in multiple times.
- Due to the volume of applications, we cannot confirm receipt of your specific submission.

Supplementary Short Essay Question

Please share with us how you are an active and responsible citizen who acts as a role model for other young women in your community.

There is no word limit. Submissions of any length are accepted as long as applicants feel they have responded adequately.

Don't forget to list your name, the name of the scholarship, your city and province/territory at the top of the page and attach it to the general Student Application!

*If you have already submitted a general application and wish to submit this scholarship supplementary question, please make note of this at the top of the page and we will attach it to your existing application.