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Antarctic University Expedition 2013 Application Form

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Submit Applications to Students on Ice Expeditions:

Participant Coordinator

Email: apply@studentsonice.com

Tel: 819-827-3300 Fax: 819-827-9951

Website: www.studentsonice.com

What is Students on Ice?

The *Students on Ice* program provides youth from across Canada and around the world with ship-based educational adventures to the Arctic and Antarctica. See www.studentsonice.com for detailed information.

Our mandate is to educate and inspire the next generation of polar scientists, researchers and environmental leaders – and in doing so, help to provide them with a greater understanding and respect for the planet.

We believe that the polar regions are the world's greatest classrooms. They are the cornerstones of the global ecosystem and a tremendous platform for education.

Since 2000, over 1,800 high school and university students from forty-eight countries have visited the polar regions with this award-winning program.

Eligibility Criteria

- Student must be enrolled in college or university at the time of the application.
- Student must submit a completed application form with 2 letters of reference.
- Student must demonstrate a passion for and interest in the polar regions, adventure, education and the environment.
- Student must understand that this is an **educational expedition**, not a vacation. S/he must be committed to enroll in an accredited field course and/or participate fully in all aspects of the education program.
- Student must demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: strong academic ability and/or passion for learning, interest in the environment; leadership qualities and/or potential to develop these qualities; active involvement in the community; a desire to make a difference, become a Polar Ambassador and an environmentally-responsible citizen.
- 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.
- 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

Antarctic University Expedition (February 11-23, 2013)

Fee from the gateway city of Ushuaia, Argentina:

\$9,750 CAD (Canadian Students) or \$9,750 USD (American and International Students) *

*** Expedition Fees do not include travel to and from the gateway city.**

Participants are responsible for arranging their travel to/from Ushuaia .

Course Selection

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 non-refundable deposit is required with every application. This deposit will only be processed upon a participant's acceptance.
- Contact our office regarding payment options; expedition fee payment schedules may be customized to meet participant needs and financial situation.
- Please make cheques payable to *Students on Ice Inc.*
- All payments received on or before October 15, 2012, are refundable, with the exception of the \$500 deposit. When cancellations are received after October 15, 2012, payments are not refundable.
- Payment of course fees (if any) must be arranged directly through the credit-granting institution.

Application Process

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

Step 2: Complete each of the following sections:

Part 1: Candidate Information (Sections A through H)

Part 2: Supporting Information (2 reference Letters)

Part 3: Copy of Passport

Part 4: Deposit (\$500 – cheque made payable to *Students on Ice Inc.*)

Step 3: Submit your complete application by email, fax or mail. Please minimize paper usage and our ecological footprint by submitting only the necessary pages and additional responses to Section H questions.



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Section A: Personal Information

Surname:	First (Given) Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth: DD- MM- YYYY-		Citizenship:
Address:		
City:	Province/State:	
Postal/ZIP Code:	Country:	
Telephone (home):	Telephone (cell):	
Email (please print clearly):		
T-Shirt Size (unisex): <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL		

Section B: Emergency Contact Information

Relationship to Applicant:		
Surname:	Given Name:	
Address:		
City:	Province/State/Territory:	
Postal/ZIP Code:	Country:	
Tel. (home):	Tel. (cell):	Tel. (work):
Email (please print clearly):		

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

The signature below confirms that _____ has my permission to apply for the
(Print name of Applicant)
Students on Ice Antarctic University Expedition, as specified in pages 1-3 of 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 the Antarctic during the austral summer season, daily temperatures may be below freezing and students will be expected to fully participate in all daily excursions. These excursions, such as Zodiac inflatable boat cruises and shore landings, generally range from two to three hours in length.

Please outline any medical conditions, illnesses and/or disabilities that require or have required the regular care of 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 in what academic year:

Program of Study & Major:

University/College:

Street Address:

City:

Province/State/Territory:

Postal/ZIP Code:

Country:

Telephone:

Fax:

Section F: 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 are selected for the expedition, how do you plan to finance it?

Expedition Fee, Travel, Expenses – \$			
Personal Savings	\$	Grants/Scholarships/Bursaries	\$
Community Support	\$	Financial Aid	\$
Family Support	\$	Other Sources	\$

Section G: Course Selection

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.

Section H: More About You

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions:

EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE

1. Why do you want to participate and what do you hope to achieve as a member of the *Students on Ice Antarctic University Expedition 2013* team?
2. What are your interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities? How do they relate to the following: your leadership abilities, communication skills, interpersonal skills and work in sustainability (if applicable)?
3. What experiences have you had that might relate to this expedition?
4. Describe three things that you would like to learn.
5. If you are not planning to enroll in one of the courses offered on the expedition, how might this experience support and/or enhance your current studies?

POST-EXPEDITION INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION

1. How do you plan to share your experience with your community (and others) after the expedition?
2. How might this expedition inform your formal university/college education, possible graduate studies, career and life path?

* How did you hear about this opportunity?

Reference Letters

Please provide two (2) letters of reference from people who know you well, such as a professor, Dean, supervisor, school counselor or a member of your community. These people cannot be a relative.

* If desired, referees can send letters directly to the Participant Coordinator: apply@studenstonice.com.

We ask that referees include the applicant's name in the subject line of their email(s).

The referee should comment on your character, attitude, social adaptability, academic abilities, leadership qualities, commitment to community and engagement in environmental issues.

Here are a few suggestions to include in the content of the letter:

- **How long has the referee known the applicant and what is your relationship?**
- **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 involved in the community and how might the applicant commit time and energy after the expedition to presentations, outreach and/or other environmental initiatives?**

Submitting Your Application

Please ensure your application includes the following:

- Completed Application Form
- 2 Letters of Reference
- Copy of Passport OR Applying for Passport
- Administrative Deposit: \$500 – cheque made payable to *Students on Ice Inc.*

Applicant Signature: _____

Date of Application: _____

Please email, fax or mail your application, **ATTN: PARTICIPANT COORDINATOR** to the Students on Ice Office.



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Thank you for taking the time to complete your application
to join Students on Ice Expeditions!

You can expect to receive an email upon receipt of your application.

Our selection committee will then review your application.

You will receive notification of your participation status within three weeks of receipt.

Questions?

Visit our website - www.studentsonice.com

Or contact the *Participant Coordinator*

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