

Avalanche Skills Training Bursary

Are you enthusiastic about being in the backcountry in the winter? Do you have the skills to travel safely when you are skiing, boarding or camping on the snow slopes?

The intention of this award is to allow 2 high school students the opportunity to gain the skills, knowledge and experience to safely backcountry ski or snowboard. The second hope is that this may lead to the student gaining valuable skills that allow them to pursue a career in outdoor education, recreation or guiding.

Deadline for application is April 11, 2025. Successful applicants will be awarded \$750 upon proof of course completion (course certificate combined with gear receipts if needed.)

Eligibility criteria:

- L.V.Rogers Grade 12 student
- Complete the course within the next winter season (2025/26)
- Goal or interest in backcountry skiing / snowboarding
- Physically fit and able to participate as other avalanche course participants
- Choose one of the following courses to attend: AST 1 or 2 or level 1 CAA avalanche training
- Strong ski or boarding skills (can do blue and blacks at the hill)
- Previous touring experience helpful but not pre-requisite
- Proper backcountry equipment (some of funds can be used for rental of touring equipment or avalanche gear)

Application criteria:

- Review the links describing the different avalanche trainings available:
- AST 1 see: <http://www.avalanche.ca/training#ast1>
- AST 2 see: <http://www.avalanche.ca/training#ast2>
- Level 1 professional: https://www.avalancheassociation.ca/?page=Level_1
- Make a Written Letter (2 pages maximum) covering the following topics:
- Describe your backcountry experience and/or ski / snowboard skills. Describe how you might access the proper equipment in order to take this course.
- Explain why you want to take an avalanche skills course? What is your interest in this? What plans do you have that would make this course important to you?
- Explain why you should be selected for this award? What is your need or how might you or others benefit? What qualities or experiences make you a strong candidate for this Avalanche Skills Training Award?
- Prepare a 2 minute presentation that summarizes the above, you could prepare a video for evaluators to view.