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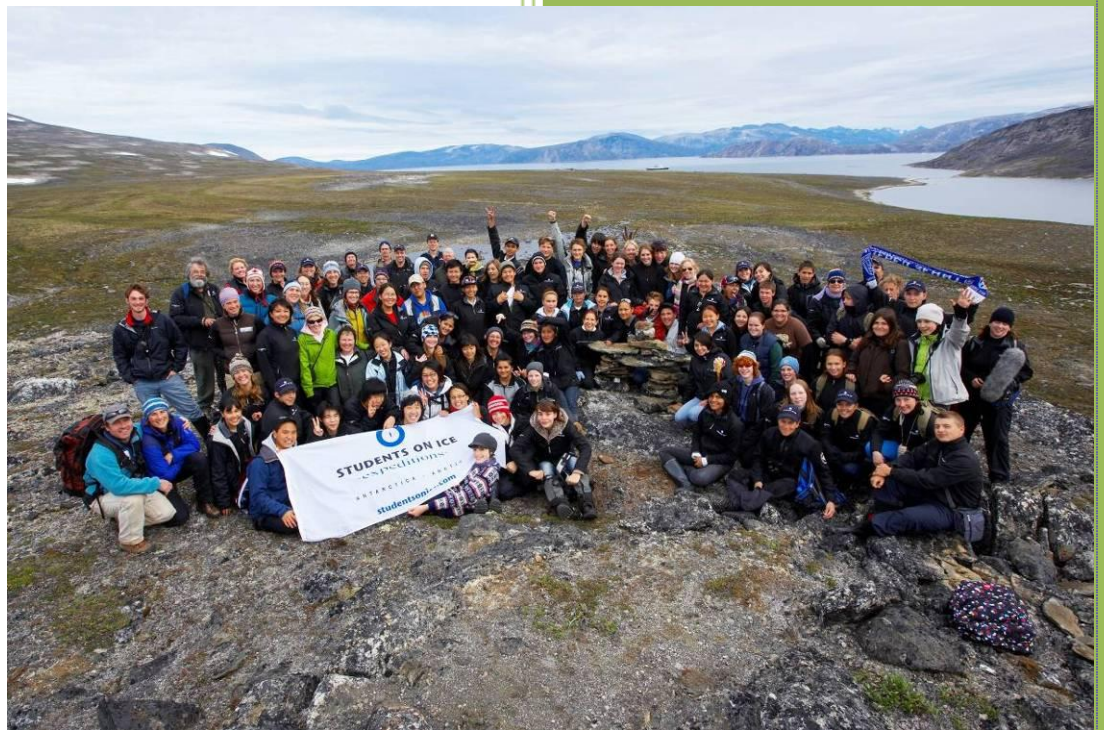
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## Royal Norwegian Embassy Arctic Scholarships

Students on Ice Arctic Youth Expedition  
August 4-20, 2010



Protect the Poles - Protect the Planet



**Application Deadline: April 23, 5:00 pm EST**

Submit Applications to:

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Official Youth Expeditions for the  
International Polar Years 2008-2010  
Expéditions jeunesse officielles pour les  
années polaires internationales 2008-2010

## 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](http://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 – nearly 1,000 high school and university students from thirty countries have visited the Polar Regions with this award-winning program.

## About the Royal Norwegian Embassy Scholarships

In partnership with the Royal Norwegian Embassy and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Students on Ice is proudly offering two scholarships for Norwegian youth to participate on the upcoming Arctic Expedition. These scholarships are available for high school students between the ages of 14-18. The Arctic Expedition will take place from August 4-20, 2010. Scholarship recipients will travel with 70 other students and 40 educators from around the world on a ship-based journey exploring Northern Quebec (Nunavik), Baffin Island and the Davis Strait!

This scholarship covers the \$9750 Expedition Fee (all activities, accommodation and meals on the expedition). Scholarship recipients will be responsible for arranging and covering the cost of their return Norway-Ottawa flights.

Before, during and after the expedition, scholarship recipients are expected to act as ambassadors for Norway and to share their experience through media appearances and interviews and by submitting daily journals for the SOI Expedition Website and Royal Norwegian Embassy Blog.

This expedition represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for youth to expand their knowledge about the circumpolar world, and to gain a global perspective of the Arctic, its wonders, and its present and future challenges.

For more information on the expedition, education program, videos and photos, check out our website: [www.studentsonice.com](http://www.studentsonice.com)!



## Selection Criteria

Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a Norwegian citizen between **14-18 years old** at the time of application.
- Applicant must currently be attending high school (or home-schooled) at the time of application.
- Applicant must submit a completed application form with 2 letters of reference.
- Applicant must understand that this is an **educational expedition**, not a vacation. He/she must be committed to participate fully in all aspects of the education program.
- Applicant must demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: strong academics and/or passion for learning, interest in the environment; leadership qualities and/or potential to develop these qualities; a desire to make a difference, become a polar ambassador and an environmentally responsible citizen.
- Applicant must be committed to submitting daily journals which will be posted online (SOI & Royal Norwegian Embassy Websites)
- Applicant must have a valid passport, if application is accepted.

## Tips for Creating a Memorable Application

- Read the questions thoroughly and make sure you answer all parts of the question.
- Make sure your answers are **concise**. As a general guideline, your answer to each question should be no longer than 250 words.
- When seeking out reference letters, make sure you present your referee with the criteria on which we would like them to comment (see application for details). Please do not include references from family members.
- SPELL-CHECK! Read and re-read your application to ensure that there are no spelling or grammatical errors.
- Try to be creative and highlight experiences/ideas/accomplishments that will help you stand out from the other applicants.
- It is best if you correspond with the SOI Office regarding your application, not your parents/guardians.
- Applications must be in our hands by 5:00pm EST on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Submit your application before the day of the deadline! You should receive an email confirming our receipt of your application, but it is your responsibility to follow-up with our office to ensure your application has been received. Our fax machine can be very busy on the day of the deadline.

## 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 parts clearly:

**Part 1: Candidate Information** (Sections A through F)

**Part 2: Supporting Information**

- Two reference letters

**Step 3:** Submit your complete application by email, fax or mail. To minimize paper usage and our ecological footprint, please submit only pages 5, 6, 8 + additional answer sheet for Section F  
**All applications must be received by: Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00pm EST**



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# Arctic Scholarship Application Form

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## Section A: Personal Information

Last Name:		First Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Male
				<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth: DD-      MM-      YYYY-			Citizenship:	
Address:				
City:			Postal Code:	
Telephone (home):			Telephone (cell):	
Email (please print clearly):				

## Section B: Parent/Guardian Information

Relationship to Applicant:				
Last Name:		First Name:		
Address:				
City:			Postal Code/Zip Code:	
Telephone (home):		Telephone (cell):		Telephone (work):
Email (please print clearly):				

### Section C: Parental Consent

The signature below confirms that \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to apply for the  
**(Print name of Applicant)**  
Students on Ice Arctic Youth Expedition from August 4-20, 2010, 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 Arctic during the summer months, 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.

**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 grade:

School:	School Street Address:	
City:	Province/State:	Postal Code/Zip Code:
Contact Name (Teacher/Advisor/Principal):		
Telephone:	Fax:	
Email:		

## Section F: More About You

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

### EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE

1. Why do you want to participate as a member of this *Students on Ice* expedition?
2. What do you hope to achieve by participating on this expedition?
3. What are your interests, hobbies and extracurricular activities? How do they relate to the following: your leadership capabilities, communication skills, interpersonal skills, environmental advocacy (if applicable)?
4. What experiences have you had that might relate to this expedition?
5. Describe a time you played a leadership role. List qualities you think a leader should demonstrate.
6. What do you think would be the most challenging part of the expedition?
7. List three things that you would like to learn about the Arctic environment.
8. The International Polar Year (IPY) was an exciting campaign focusing on the Polar Regions. Visit the IPY website at [www.ipy.org](http://www.ipy.org). What do you feel have been the outcomes of this IPY? How might the 2007-2009 IPY leave a legacy for years to come?

### POST-EXPEDITION INVOLVEMENT AND ACTION

1. How would you share your experience with your community after the expedition?
2. How will you use what you learn on the expedition to work towards meaningful change in your community? In your country? In the world?

### PERSPECTIVES ON THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Please explain how you define Sustainability and Environment (one paragraph).
2. What role do you think young people can play in building a more sustainable society?
3. In your opinion, what is the greatest challenge that your community faces?
4. Describe what you know about climate change and its impacts on the Arctic environment.
5. What does the Arctic represent for you?

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

## Reference Letters

Please supply two (2) letters of reference from people who know you well, such as a teacher, principal, school counselor or a member of your community. This person cannot be a relative. We ask that you try to submit **only one teacher reference** and provide a **second reference from outside of your school**.

The referee should comment on your academic abilities, character, attitudes, social adaptability and leadership qualities, in support of your application to participate on the Students on Ice expedition. Here are a few suggestions to include in the content of the letter:

- **How long has the referee known the applicant and what is the 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, energy and enthusiasm, maturity**
- **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 environmental initiatives?**

## Submitting Your Application

Please ensure your application includes the following:

- Completed Application Form (pages 5, 6, 8 + additional answer sheet for Section F)
- 2 Letters of Reference

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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