



NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Grant Application

NOLS Wilderness Medicine is excited to work with organizations and businesses to build capacity for training outdoor leaders. The NOLS Wilderness First Aid course grant can cover up to \$4,000 in tuition and expenses per Wilderness First Aid course.

The Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course is a 16-hour, introductory training designed to prepare outdoor leaders to respond in an emergency. Taught over two consecutive days, this hands-on course is ideal for outdoor programs that operate relatively close to medical resources, utilize a wilderness basecamp, or provide weekend outdoor or town activities. The focus is on training leaders to respond to the most common wilderness illnesses and injuries, to make evacuation decisions, and to prevent emergencies. Emphasis is placed on leadership, communication, and teamwork.

The purpose of the grant program is to assist organizations seeking to overcome financial barriers to training for their outdoor leaders. Grantees are expected to fully participate in supporting student selection, course logistics, and instructor needs. Organizations are encouraged to use this initial grant as a stepping stone to build capacity for future courses.

Courses supported by the WFA grant cannot be open to the public, they must be available only to members of the organization. Courses have a minimum of 15 students and a maximum of 30. Students must be 16 years of age to participate. Courses are delivered in English. Successful course completion results in a two-year Wilderness First Aid certification from NOLS Wilderness Medicine.

Dates will be considered on a rolling basis for courses between July and February. During the high volume months of March through June, applicants may only submit date requests for courses occurring on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- For more information about hosting a course and being a NOLS Wilderness Medicine course sponsor, please review the [fact sheet](#). This outlines our program requirements and basic sponsorship expectations.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Defined student selection criteria and enrollment process for students that maximizes enrollment and minimizes attrition.
- Clear connection between the organization's mission and the need for Wilderness First Aid training.
- Defined plan for ongoing participant engagement with the Wilderness First Aid content.
- Completed budget tool.
- Proposed course dates and location within the eligible time period.

APPLICATION ADDRESS

Still interested in applying for a WFA grant? Please go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/xleiuDjCgCg9i9T52>

CLASSROOM EXPANDED PRACTICES FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

For more information about NOLS Wilderness Medicine classroom practices for COVID-19 pandemic, please read [here](#).

WFA GRANT BUDGET TOOL

This WFA Grant Budget Tool will be in the application but it is here as a reference.

WFA GRANT BUDGET TOOL OVERVIEW

IN EFFECT UNTIL 8/31/2021.

1	Overall Tuition Fee: <i>Number of Expected Participants x \$156/person =</i>	
2	Enrollment Incentives. <i>Free enrollments for 20th and 29th participants.</i>	
3	Travel Cost Estimate for NOLS Instructors.	\$800
4	Lodging Estimate for NOLS Instructors.	
5	Course Day Meal Per Diem for NOLS Instructors. <i>\$41.00 x 2 instructors x 2 course days =</i>	\$164
6	Travel Day Meal Per Diem for NOLS Instructors. <i>\$20.50 x 2 instructors x 2 travel days =</i>	\$82
7	Additional Expenses. <i>General Liability Insurance, Classroom Rental, etc.</i>	
8	Total Expenses. <i>Add 1-7 for the total expenses.</i>	
9	Tuition your organization plans to charge each participant. <i>Student Tuition x Participants.</i>	
10	Organization's Contribution Toward Course Expenses.	
11	Total Revenue. <i>Add 9-10 for the total revenue.</i>	
12	Grant Request (maximum \$4,000). <i>Subtract 11 from 8 for your requested amount.</i>	

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS?

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Course Sponsor Fact Sheet



Since 1990, NOLS Wilderness Medicine has successfully educated over 220,000 students in partnership with over 400 course sponsors. Sponsors are the hosting organization or individual that bring a Wilderness Medicine course to their local area. These courses are in a variety of settings including: university campuses, summer camps, recreation centers, and community parks. **Our course locations include all 50 US states and many destinations outside of the USA.**

Our sponsors consistently recognize the value of our dynamic educators, evidence-based curriculum, recertification opportunities, and our detailed approach to running high-quality programs. Year after year, sponsors continue to work with us and build long-term relationships with NOLS. We are happy to talk you through the process of sponsoring a course in your area that creates the best learning environment for your participants.

RESPONSIBILITIES

When you sponsor a NOLS Wilderness Medicine course, you have access to a dedicated team that helps you provide the best experience for your students. Together, we share responsibilities for ensuring high-quality programs.

STUDENTS

You are responsible for recruiting students. NOLS can post your course on our web schedule to attract students, but local strong recruitment makes the course more successful.

We can help you set enrollment policies, but most Sponsors handle the actual enrollment and tuition payments themselves.

EQUIPMENT

We provide all training equipment for the courses as well as cover the shipping expenses. We do ask for your assistance with receiving and shipping pre- and post-course.

CLASSROOM AND SCENARIO SPACE

You must provide an indoor, climate-controlled teaching space (30' x 40' or larger) with a large white board and floor space for demonstrations. Tables and chairs need to move to accommodate various classroom configurations. Outdoor access for scenarios is essential for any course. Digital projectors are required for Wilderness First Responder (WFR) courses.

An on-site host prepared to help with logistics increases the overall quality and success of the course.

LODGING & MEALS FOR INSTRUCTORS

Lodging needs to be provided for the instructors from one night before the course starts until the morning after the course ends. Instructors need private lodging that offers a quiet space away from students to prepare classes and rest. Hotel rooms, guest apartments, and private rooms in hostels are acceptable. Dormitories, bunks in shared rooms, and couches are not. Instructor meal expenses will be charged at a maximum of \$41 per instructor per day. Availability of full cooking facilities or a provided meal plan may reduce this cost for longer courses.

INSTRUCTORS' TRAVEL EXPENSES

You will be billed the actual cost of travel to your site including: airfare, baggage fees, parking, ground transportation, etc. We aim to provide the most qualified instructional team at the most economical cost to you. Contact us for a travel estimate.

LODGING & FOOD FOR STUDENTS

For longer courses, if you are able to arrange affordable lodging/camping options and/or a meal package for attendees it can increase your enrollment for budget-conscious students.

COSTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

(valid through August 31, 2021)

Course	Duration	Student Fee	Tuition Range
WFA	(16 hours)	\$156/student	\$190 to \$300
WMPP (no certification)	(16 hours)	\$230/student	\$350 to \$500
WFA with CPR	(20 hours)	\$230/student	\$300 to \$500
WFR Recertification	(24 hours)	\$212/student	\$280 to \$575
WAFA	(40 hours)	\$305/student	\$400 to \$600
WFR	(80 hours)	\$523/student	\$550 to \$1,635
WUMP	(48 hours)	\$530/student	\$715 to \$1,100

Student fee is the per-student cost billed to you. The minimum enrollment charge is for 15 students; the maximum enrollment is 30. Wilderness First Aid (WFA) courses with 15 or fewer students can be taught by a single instructor, but this must be arranged in advance. You will receive discounts for courses with 20 and 29 students enrolled.

Instructor expenses Instructor expenses (travel and meals) are additional and actual expenses only will be billed. On the occasion when NOLS has to book lodging for you, the actual expense will also be billed.

Tuition range is the average of student tuition charged by sponsors. This does not include lodging and food options that you might be able to provide.

Student Enrollment services can be provided by NOLS for a per student fee.

Course deposits vary by course type and are due 90 days prior to the course start date unless specifically waived.

General Liability Insurance is required in the amount of **one million US dollars per incident**.

NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE PROVIDES

- A widely recognized certification
- Accurate, practical and relevant curriculum
- A full-time office team dedicated to ensuring your course runs smoothly from start to finish
- Qualified, professional instructors selected through an extensive instructor training program
- Student instructional materials and course-related equipment
- Online resources (administrative and promotional materials) at: sponsorNET.nols.edu
- Advertising on the NOLS website at: www.nols.edu/wilderness-medicine



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Kelcey is available to answer questions and explore course dates that could work for your organization.