



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 \$5000 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.

Application Address: <https://goo.gl/forms/xleiuDjCgCg9i9T52>

Selection Criteria

- Ability to meet the expectations described in the [Sponsor Handbook](#).
- 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.

Please use the following budget planning tool to estimate your cost

WFA Grant Budget Tool

Tuition fees: #participants x \$/participants		
Enrollment incentives: one free tuition for the 21st student, a second free tuition for the 29th student		
Travel estimate * \$800 (U.S.), outside of the U.S. please call		
Lodging estimate **		
Meal plan or meal per diem @ \$41 per instructor per day		
Travel Meals @ \$21 per instructor per travel day		
Additional expenses such as classroom rental, marketing, etc.		
Tuition you plan charge each participant		
Total		
Scholarship up to \$5K (this is your requested amount)		
Organization's Responsibility		
* Travel Expenses:		

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

**** Lodging 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.

EXAMPLE

Tuition fees: #participants x \$/participants	24 x \$151	\$3,624
Enrollment incentives: one free tuition for the 21st student, a second free tuition for the 29th student	1 free spot	-\$151
Travel estimate * \$800 (U.S.), outside of the U.S. please call		\$800
Lodging estimate **	\$120/night, 2 instructors, 3 nights	\$720
Meal plan or meal per diem @ \$41 per instructor per day	\$41/day, 2 instructors, 2 days	\$164
Travel Meals @ \$21 per instructor per travel day	\$21/day, 2 instructors, 2 days	\$84
Additional expenses such as classroom rental, marketing, etc.		\$0
Tuition you plan charge each participant	\$30/participant x 24	-\$720
Total		\$4,521
Scholarship up to \$5K (this is your requested amount)		\$3,500
Organization's Responsibility		\$1,021



NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Sponsor Fact Sheet

Since 1990, NOLS Wilderness Medicine has successfully educated over 220,000 students in partnership with over 400 sponsors. Course sponsors consistently recognize the value of our dynamic educators, evidence-based curriculum, recertification opportunities, and our detailed approach to running high-quality programs.

Our course locations include all 50 states and many international destinations. Sponsors host courses in a variety of settings including: university campuses, summer camps, recreation centers, and community parks. We are happy to talk you through the process of selecting a venue that creates the best learning environment for your participants.

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

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

ENROLLING STUDENTS

As a sponsor, you are responsible for collecting student registrations. We encourage you to ask students for a non-refundable course deposit to ensure their commitment to attending your course. NOLS Wilderness Medicine can register students for an additional registration fee.

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

We provide all medical equipment. Although this equipment is supplied at no extra cost to you, we ask for your assistance in receiving and shipping the boxes containing the course materials. An on-site host contact prepared to help with logistics increases the overall quality and success of the 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. Table 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.

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 assessed at a maximum of \$41 per instructor per day. Availability of full cooking facilities or a provided meal plan may reduce this cost.

INSTRUCTORS' TRAVEL EXPENSES

You will be billed the direct cost of travel to your site including: airfare, baggage fees, parking, ground transportation, hotel rooms, 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

We recommend you arrange affordable lodging/camping options and/or a meal package for attendees as it can increase your enrollment for budget-conscious students.

COSTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

(valid through August 31, 2020)

Course	Duration	Sponsor Fee	Tuition Range
WFA	(16 hours)	\$156/student	\$190 to \$300
WFA with CPR	(20 hours)	\$230/student	\$300 to \$500
WFR Recertification	(24 hours)	\$207/student	\$275 to \$570
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

Sponsor 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. Instructor expenses (travel, meals, and lodging) are additional and billed as actual expenses. You will receive discounts for courses with 20 and 29 students enrolled.

Tuition range is the average of student tuition charged by sponsors. This does not include lodging and food options.

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

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.