

Wyssen Avalanche Education Scholarship Announced for 2023-2024 Winter Season

Boulder, Colo. (September 27, 2023) - Wyssen, USA (a subsidiary of Swiss-based Wyssen Avalanche Control AG) is pleased to once again offer two scholarship opportunities for Pro and Affiliate Members of the American Avalanche Association (A3). Committed to supporting growth and education in the snow and avalanche community, Wyssen Scholarships will be awarded to individuals seeking professional level avalanche education. Each scholarship will include tuition reimbursement, up to a maximum of \$1,500, to be applied towards training during the 2023/2024 winter season. One scholarship will be offered exclusively to applicants belonging to an underrepresented demographic within the snow/avalanche community (including, but not limited to women, non-binary genders, BIPOC, LGBTQ).

Requirements/Eligibility:

- Recipients must be a Pro or Affiliate Member of the American Avalanche Association
- Recipients must submit a course completion certificate following the completion of their course. Upon receipt, the recipient will receive a reimbursement check for program tuition
- The scholarship cannot be used for travel or other related expenses
- Eligible courses include any A3 Approved Pro Level 1 or Pro Level 2 course taken during the 2023/24 season. Scholarship award does not guarantee admittance to an approved program and applicant must meet prerequisites and follow course application guidelines

Application:

To apply, please <u>click here</u> to fill out the submission form and upload your essay.

Applicants will be asked to submit a 500-word essay addressing the following:

Wyssen Avalanche Control is driven by the pursuit of innovation in the field of operational avalanche hazard risk management. In 500 words or less, tell us a bit about yourself and how you plan to use this scholarship to further your professional avalanche career. Essay responses will be evaluated based on the applicant's: depth and breadth of professional experience in the snow and avalanche industry; examples/demonstration of professionalism; diversity of training, work experience, and background (professional and cultural); and financial need. Some questions to consider in your response:

- Where do you see opportunities to apply new and developing technologies to improve the safety and effectiveness of avalanche work (forecasting, mitigation, research, etc)?
- In your opinion, what is the single greatest challenge/problem that the avalanche industry is currently facing and what can we do to address it?

Applications are DUE by November 15, 2023. Please contact Eddie Schoen at eddie@wyssen.com with any questions regarding the application process or scholarship.

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About Wyssen Avalanche Control...Safety through innovation.

About the American Avalanche Association...The American Avalanche Association works to keep people safe in avalanche terrain through education, professional development, outreach, and research.