**UC Mountaineering Club – Steve Must Memorial Scholarship (SMMS) Application**

**Background**

This scholarship is intended to bring unique skills into UCMC through education of our trip leaders and other members. Once completed, this application and supporting documentation should be turned into the UCMC President or any member of the [UCMC Scholarship Committee](http://ucmountaineering.weebly.com/committee.html). We look forward to reviewing your proposal and hopefully giving you the opportunity to educate more of the club.

***\_\_\_\_\_Everything below is to be filled in and completed by the applicant****\_\_\_\_*

**Date Submitted:**

**Name of Candidate Applying: Emily Hannan**

**Course Information and Eligibility**

The course I am seeking scholarship funds for is: Alpinism 1-Introduction to Mountaineering, through the American Alpine Institute on Mount Baker in Washington state. The course is 5-6 days long, and will include learning belaying and climbing technique on ice and snow, glacial travel and route finding, self-arrest, and crevasse rescue techniques. The course is taught through five days on Mount Baker, culminating in a summit of the mountain using our new skills and training.

***Proof of Personal Medical Insurance, Student Status and GPA should be attached below.***

**Scholarship Availability**

From what I have seen on the AAI website there aren’t any other scholarship options available through the AAI, so the SMMS scholarship would be the only funding option available to me.

**Statement of Purpose**

Since joining UCMC, I have learned countless skills through the club and through the knowledge of other members serving as trip leaders. This club has taught me everything I know about climbing, backpacking, and camping. I want to learn more technical mountaineering skills I can use to push my boundaries more in the trips I take, as well as in the trips I lead for the club. I hope that the skills from this course will allow me to succeed current advanced trip leaders as well as increase the variety and difficulty level of trips offered through the club. Additionally, I think that these skills and training will make me a stronger leader in all of the trips that I lead through UCMC.

Winter mountaineering presents unique challenges and risks that require a specific set of equipment and skills to overcome safely. This course will teach me how to use the equipment necessary and how to attempt more difficult summits in cold weather conditions with ice and snow. My recent experience on Mount Washington has furthered my belief in the necessity of Alpine mountaineering skills for myself and other members of the club, and I think that having a leader formally trained in those skills would be extremely valuable going forward. I intend to lead a Mount Washington summit trip next year through the club, and I will integrate the information I learn through AAI on that trip, as well as through workshops for any other club members who are interested.

**Personal Qualifications**

Since joining the club in fall semester 2018, I have gone on many backpacking trips, led/co-led 5+ trips, and am currently planning a spring break trip for this year. I also attend most executive committee meetings, have participated in several volunteer events, tabled for the club at orientation over the summer, and assist in the gear cave. Last spring, I began learning to rock climb with other club members, and have done several outdoor climbing trips. During the summer, I began lead-climbing, which is another skill I’m currently working to improve so I can teach other club members and lead climbing trips in the future.

Leading trips is my favorite part of UCMC, because I want to give back to the club the amazing leadership and education I have received through other members. With the training I will receive in this course, I hope to go on and lead more advanced and winter mountaineering-based trips for the club. Through these trips, I can help train other members in these valuable skills. I would also be willing to help put on clinics and training sessions about using certain winter gear, safety techniques on big mountains, and other skills to prepare members for upcoming trips.

Personally, I think that having this training will help me reach my personal mountaineering goals by improving my skills with snow and ice; an area I am not very experienced in at this point. Additionally, I hope that the experience will help me push my boundaries and build further confidence in my ability as a mountaineer and a leader.

**Please attach with this application:**

* An official course description or brochure from the course provider

<http://www.alpineinstitute.com/catalog/alpinism-1-introduction-to-mountaineering/>

* Proof of Personal Medical Insurance
* An unofficial current copy of your transcript or degree audit (confirms GPA and enrollment)

*\*Note, no personal or academic information will be shared about applicants outside of the* [UCMC Scholarship Committee](http://ucmountaineering.weebly.com/committee.html).