

Jordan Brunsch Essay:

Adventure is a funny thing; it often contradicts logic, pushes us to places we never could imagine, and can spontaneously materialize when least expected. It is elusive; one cannot fabricate true adventure, you can only expose yourself to its possibility. And adrenalin, the by-product which accompanies adventure, is a drug like any else: powerfully addictive. I am only 20 years old and I am already 'hooked' in every sense of the word. So much so that I decided to study the subject in university and last year enrolled in the Adventure Guide Diploma at Thompson Rivers University (getting into the program was an adventure in itself, a story for another time). A program where half the semester is spent in the field in courses focusing on guiding skills from mountaineering to ski touring to rescue, and the other half is spent in class exploring the theoretical side of the industry. This opportunity has been a dream come true and has opened doors for me in both my career path as well as my recreational skillset. This program attracts a specific breed, and it has introduced me to a whole class of peers, all of which I feel embody Ryan's core principals to some extent. It has provided me with some extraordinary mentors in my instructors, some of which are leaders in their field. Through it I was able to work as a wilderness guide this past summer in Wells Gray Park. And above all is have enabled me to live all day, every day, to explore, stimulate my adventurous spirit, and combine my passion with my career. Why limit adventure to outside the 'nine to five'?

Last year was filled with many long study sessions, some amazing field courses, and lots of weekend mountain trips shared with some incredible people. However this program, this lifestyle, is extremely expensive. It was miraculous that I was able to pull it off last year, especially considering I had very little help. It required a few student loans and a lot of hard work. This year is not looking any cheaper with a month long climbing trip to the sierras plan already in motion and a course called expedition, where this year we will be going to the Himalayas on a mountaineering trip. There are financial implications which accompany supporting this lifestyle and my education, hence my discovery of your foundation and scholarship. I feel as though I am a perfect candidate for your scholarship because the financial need is there, and because beyond someone who is inquiring about monetary support, I truly do resonate with Ryan's core principles on a personal level. I got a lot of days guiding in the field this summer but part of Ryan's philosophy is working hard when you can but not being afraid to ask for help when you need it.

If you were accept me as a recipient of your award you would enable the furthering of my education, the pursuit of my passion through trips and adventures, and setting me up for an advantageous future, better preparing me for adventures to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jordan Brunsch

PS. Even if I do not receive the award, I would like to note that supporting people's passions is a noble thing.

Here I have attached a few photos of me on course or doing homework:



Bio:

My name is Jordan, and my passion lies not in one specific sport but adventure as a whole. From the culture to the people to the unique experiences that accompany trips and outings, adventure captivates me entirely. Last year I enrolled in the Adventure Guide Diploma at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC. It introduced me to some amazing people, provided me with some extraordinary mentors, and resulted in a year filled with skiing, white water kayaking, and a whole lot of climbing. I will use this scholarship in my second year of studies to help me hit the books, river, and mountains even harder this year.

Personal Photos:



ADVENTURE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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PRIMARY ADVENTURE/CLUB/SKI AREA: Climbing just about anywhere

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