



Recreation Management and Leadership  
Department of Health and Human Development

## Jake Merrill Fund for Outdoor Leadership, Safety and Training

**DEADLINE: On or before January 19, 2024**

The *Jake Merrill Fund for Outdoor Leadership, Safety and Training* was established to honor Jake Merrill's commitment to education and quality outdoor leadership. Awards will be made annually to students who demonstrate financial need, potential in the area of outdoor leadership, and a commitment to the development of community through outdoor engagement.

The purpose of these training awards is to provide support for students at Western Washington University who are interested in further developing their outdoor leadership skills, especially in the area of wilderness medical training, avalanche training and awareness, and high angle rescue. The award recipients will receive one of three opportunities: 1) one course in Wilderness First Responder at WWU, 2) one course in avalanche training from Mt. Baker Mountain Guides, or 3) one course in mountaineering or climbing training and instruction from the North Cascades Mountain Guides.

*The scholarships are made possible by Mt. Baker Mountain Guides (John Minier, owner), North Cascades Mountain Guides (Larry Goldie, owner), and the Jake Merrill Program Endowment.*

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 at the time of application;
- Outstanding potential in the field of outdoor leadership;
- Financial need and how the course will help further their educational and professional interests in the area of outdoor leadership;
- A commitment to using outdoor leadership to develop and foster a strong sense of community.

### Submission Procedures:

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- Please submit a one-page essay to **Delaney Peterson ([peter498@wwu.edu](mailto:peter498@wwu.edu))** that addresses the above criteria and clearly states which award you are interested in receiving (you may apply for more than one award with a single essay). Attach an unofficial transcript/academic history to the essay to illustrate academic standing.
- Application deadline: **On or before January 19, 2024**

If you have any additional questions, please contact Delaney Peterson at 360-650-2269 or [peter498@wwu.edu](mailto:peter498@wwu.edu)

