



Application for Betty van der Smissen Fund Grant

Purpose: The purpose of the Betty van der Smissen Grant Fund is to support new research, innovative projects, or professional development activities that will advance the field of Adventure Education.

Eligibility: Current AEE members (individual members or part of an organizational membership) are eligible to apply.

Grant Criteria:

- 1) The research or project must pertain to the field of adventure education.
- 2) The research or project must be innovative and contribute to advancements in the field of adventure education.
- 3) The research or project should be completed in a relatively short period of time; generally within one to two years. Alternatively, the research or project will be in development, pilot, or initiative stage and the grant should be used for development purposes.
- 4) If a grant is awarded for professional development activity, the results of the professional development activity must benefit the field in some way.
- 5) Financial need may be considered if the research, project, or professional development activity would not be undertaken otherwise.

Written requirements:

Applicants for a grant from the Betty van der Smissen Fund should submit a cover letter and research or project proposal that includes the following:

- Full contact information for the individual responsible for the project, including current program or educational institution and AEE member affiliation.
- Proposal description, timeline, methodology, and financial support request.
- Impact/outcome to advance the field of adventure education.
- Letter of support/reference from academic advisor or program supervisor.

Deadline: For grants in 2007, written proposals are due by December 31, 2006. Mail to CEO – Attn: BVS Fund application, AEE, 3775 Iris Ave. Suite 4, Boulder, CO 80301.

Selection/Notification: The Grant Selection Committee, three knowledgeable and experienced members of the adventure education community, will select grant recipient(s). All applicants will be notified by February 1, 2007.