



Guidelines for Expedition funding by MAG MCSA

Dear Applicant

Guideline for applicants seeking assistance from MAG MCSA for expeditions:

1. All applications should be received *at least two months prior* to the departure date of the expedition. Applications submitted at shorter notice will still be considered on an ad hoc basis. A response will be given to the applicant by the MAG MCSA Committee by *not later than four weeks* after the date of receipt of the application.
2. MAG MCSA support for an expedition will only be considered if the objectives of the expedition fall within one of the following categories:
 - a. The expedition's objective is to climb in and/or explore a *remote mountain area*.
 - b. The expedition's objective is to attempt a *new and significant route*.
 - c. The event has been organised with the *intention to introduce new members to expeditions*.
 - d. The event will *impart expedition knowledge, skills and experience* to the participant(s).
 - e. The event will be a *personal achievement* and the nature and complexity of this event is of significant ambition to warrant support.
 - f. Taking account of the expedition's stated objective and the experience of the expedition members, the expedition must *have a fair chance of success*.
3. The expedition may include team members who are not MCSA members, but only MCSA members *who have been members for at least 1 year* will be eligible for MCSA support. *MCSA members of the expedition must be in good standing*.
4. Please take note of the following requirements when completing the **application form**:
 - a. If there is any additional information, submit it as separate documentation (eg photographs showing the expedition's proposed objective)
 - b. All information supplied must be true and as accurate as possible.
 - c. For "equipment costs" list only the additional gear that the expedition needs to purchase. Do not insert the total value of all the gear required for the expedition
 - d. Under the form of support sought from the MCSA, all sections must be filled in.



5. Should the MCSA decide to support the expedition, the *amount granted will depend on* the uniqueness of the expedition's objective as well as the ultimate perceived long term developmental benefit that will be derived by the South African mountaineering community and by the MCSA.
6. The MCSA expects the expedition leader and all the expedition members to familiarise themselves with the *laws and regulations of the country* that they will be visiting, particularly those relating to mountaineering expeditions.
7. The granting of any MCSA support to the expedition is conditional upon the expedition honouring the commitments regarding *feedback* to the MCSA.
8. The MCSA must be *informed immediately about any change* in the expedition's objective or the composition of the expedition team. The MCSA reserves the right to reconsider any support that it has undertaken to give to the expedition in the event of *changes to the expedition objective or composition of the team*.
9. In the event of the *expedition not taking place* after receiving MCSA support in the form of travel assistance or a grant from the National Expedition Fund, the *full monetary value of the grant must be repaid* to the MCSA *within 6 weeks of the intended start date of the expedition*.
10. The MCSA will bear no legal responsibility for considering an application for the support of an expedition.