



Environmental Traveling Companions

Wilderness Medical Certification Scholarship Application

ETC requires all guides to have at least a Basic First Aid and CPR certification, however, it is **highly encouraged that Guides obtain (or renew if needed) their Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certification.**

We understand that obtaining and recertifying wilderness medical certifications can be a heavy financial burden, and we aim to support ETC guides' professional development by alleviating at least part of the cost of these crucial certifications. There are limited scholarship funds, and we will do our best to support each applicant as much as we can.

Medical certification scholarships will be considered depending on need, certification courses available, and previous ETC involvement. If awarded, reimbursement for the scholarship amount will be provided upon successful completion of the certification course. Award guidelines are as follows and are not restricted to:

- *Basic First Aid & CPR Courses:*
 - Guides are eligible for up to \$100 scholarship
- *For Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Courses:*
 - Guides are eligible for up to \$200 scholarship
- *For WFR Recertification:*
 - Guides are eligible for up to \$250 scholarship
- *For Wilderness First Responder (WFR) Courses:*
 - Guides are eligible for up to \$500 scholarship

Please plan ahead and submit your application as soon as possible, as certification courses fill up quickly and can be up to 80 hours long. Some resources and providers:

- WFA Course for ETC community members
 - ◆ Dan (programdirector@etctrips.org) if you're interested!
- Sierra Rescue:
 - ◆ [8-day WFR courses](#) for \$895– *limited dates available!*
 - ◆ [3-day WFR recertification](#) for \$395 (please verify that they accept your current WFR card)

 - ◆ [2-day WFA course](#) for \$325
 - ◆ **Free camping at ETC River Camp!**
- Search other options through [NOLS website](#) and [REI website](#)

