



### **Background:**

The Erika Pankow Scholarship Fund was founded in 1997, through generous donations, sponsorships and fundraising events. Members from Big Sky Search and Rescue, Gallatin Canyon Volunteer Fire Department, and Big Sky Ski Patrol originally managed the fund, as Erika was a member of each organization. Today, co-founder Jay Frisque (Mangum) and elected members of the Big Sky Ski Patrol manage the fund. Full or partial scholarships will be given, dependent on the availability of funds in the scholarship account.

### **Eligibility:**

There are no requirements and is no preference based on age, gender, race, disability, ethnicity or religion. Preference will be given to individuals who live within the greater Gallatin Valley community, and are able to provide proof of acceptance and ability to successfully complete their desired course. Funds will be made out directly to course financial coordinators or companies. Funds can also be issued retroactively.

### **Criteria:**

The fund provides financial support to deserving individuals who are interested in advancing their medical, search and rescue or avalanche related skills (e.g. EMT, OEC, CPR, Swiftwater Rescue, Avalanche training, Ropes Courses, Avalanche Dog training.) The fund focuses on individuals who are looking to become leaders in our community.

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Big Sky, MT

## Application Requirements:

- A complete and legible application form.
- A typed personal statement of 500 words or less discussing interests, goals and how this award opportunity will reflect on you and your community.
- Three letters of recommendation with current contact information.
- Available for personal interview if necessary.

## Please Send Applications to:

Erika Pankow Scholarship Fund  
Attention: Big Sky Ski Patrol  
One Lone Mountain Trail  
P.O. Box 160001  
Big Sky, MT 59716

**OR**

[erikapankowscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:erikapankowscholarshipfund@gmail.com)

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## Application Form

### Personal Information

Name:	Date:
Phone Number:	Age:
Address:	
Courses or classes completed:	
Internships or volunteer work:	
Active licenses or certifications:	
Awards or honors:	

### Activity Information

Activity Name:	
Contact person:	Contact number:
Address:	
Start date:	Completion Date:
Total cost: \$	Other received donations for course:
Detailed course description:	

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**Personal Statement:** Please attach. Typed and 500 words or less.

**Three Letters of Recommendation:** Please attach along with current contact information.

## Applicants Agreement:

I certify that the above information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. If I receive a scholarship award, I agree to participate in and complete the agreed course set forth in this application. I understand and agree that the Erika Pankow Scholarship Foundation is in no way liable or responsible for my personal welfare.

Signature of Applicant:

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Print Name of Applicant:

Date:

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Signature of Parent or Guardian:  
(if applicant is under 18)

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Date:

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