

CANSI PACIFIC MARIE-CAT BRUNO SCHOLARSHIPS

CANSI Pacific is accepting applications for The Marie-Cat Bruno Scholarship Program. See below to read more about Marie-Cat Bruno.

Scholarships are available to skiers who either want to become cross country instructors or current CANSI Cross Country Ski (XC) or Telemark instructor who want to pursue a higher level of certification to teach more advanced skiers. Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

Please note course fees must be paid in full when you register. Your scholarship will be awarded when you have successfully passed the course. If you don't pass, you can retest either later in the season or in the next season.

Details

- All applicants must reside in CANSI Pacific Region.
- Applications are approved by the CANSI Pacific Board of Directors at Board meetings usually held at the beginning of each month.
- Approved Youth (16-30) Level I XC or Telemark 1, Level II, III, IV applicants will be reimbursed the full cost of the course after successfully passing the course and completing all requirements (see below).
- All other approved Level 1 XC Level I or Telemark applicants will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of the course after successfully passing the course and completing all requirements (see below).
- Level II, III and IV applicants will be reimbursed the full amount of the course after successfully passing the course and completing all requirements (see below).
- Scholarships do not include trail passes, transportation, accommodation or meals.
- Applicants must inform Pacific Board of any other financial support received either through their employer, ski club or ski school.
- Successful applicants will be informed within two weeks of the start of a course.

Scholarships Criteria

Level I Instructor Youth Scholarship for XC Level I or Telemark I Course:

- Must be between the ages of 16 and 30
- Write an article on your CANSI experience (may be used in the CANSI Newsletter)

Level I Instructor Over 30 for XC Level I or Telemark I Course:

- Write an article on your CANSI experience (may be used in the CANSI Newsletter)

Advanced Certification for XC Level II, III or IV or Telemark II and III

- Must be a current CANSI member in good standing
- Write an article on your CANSI experience (may be used in the CANSI Newsletter)

Level I Course Conductor:

- Assist on a two-day Level I Instructor Course
- Candidates will be awarded \$125 per day for a total of \$250 for the course
- Two (2) years free membership with commitment to teach at least one Level I instructor certification course in the CANSI Pacific Region for the next two seasons

Steps to apply:

1. Complete the online [application form](#).
2. Send a covering letter to pacific@cansi.ca with subject line: **Scholarship Application – [your name]**.

Covering letter should include:

- Overview of ski and teaching experience if applicable (volunteer activities or non-ski instructor employment that may relate to your work as a ski instructor i.e. school teacher, outdoor program coordinator)
- Explanation on why you should be awarded this scholarship
- The benefit of CANSI certification to you and/or your students

Applications should be received no later than four weeks before the start of the course.

Marie-Catherine Bruno aka Marie-Cat

Marie-Cat joined CANSI in 2006 and achieved her level IV cross country ski instructor certification by 2008 and her level III telemark certification by 2014 making her a CANSI Master Instructor. She was the first woman and the third person in CANSI history to reach this level. In addition, she was a Level II telemark course conductor and a level IV cross country course conductor. In 2015, Marie-Cat represented Canada at Interski 2015 with the Canadian Telemark Demonstration Team.

Marie-Cat was dedicated to the sport giving her time generously. As a mentor and a role-model, her enthusiasm was contagious. She spent countless hours giving courses and refreshers and was heavily involved behind the scenes. We are thankful for all her contributions to the CANSI National Technical Committee and the CANSI Pacific Board.

Sadly Marie-Cat died suddenly of an aneurysm Sept.22, 2018 at age 47. She is greatly missed. In honour of Marie-Cat, CANSI Pacific has named its scholarship program in her memory. The scholarship is intended for either current or new cross country ski instructors who are committed to teaching the sport.