

# MCSA Cape Town Section

## Instructions To Applicants For Financial Assistance For Expeditions

Applicants must obtain and complete the “**Application For Financial Assistance**” form. This form is obtainable from the office at the clubhouse or from the Section's website. Please note the following:

1. The form must be completed in full and submitted not later than two months before the departure of the expedition.
2. Any additional information you think may be relevant or which does not fit on the form should be attached to it on separate pages.
3. The form may be submitted as a hardcopy (handed in, posted, or faxed) or electronically by email.
4. The Expeditions Subcommittee may request additional information as they deem necessary.
5. All information supplied must be as accurate as possible. Any inaccuracy or misrepresentation may result in rejection of the application.
6. The Club must be informed immediately should there be any change in the objectives or members of the expedition. The Club reserves the right to reconsider any sponsorship in such circumstances.
7. The referees named in the application must have previously agreed to support your expedition and must know its objectives and at least some of the team members. They should preferably be members of the MCSA and must be available for consultation.
8. By specifying the objectives of your expedition you and your party undertake to make every reasonable effort to achieve them.
9. You are expected to familiarise yourself with the laws and regulations of the countries you will be visiting and to abide by them.
10. It is not necessary for all of the expedition members to be members of the MCSA. However, sponsorship will only be considered for MCSA CT Section members, and normally only for those who have been members for more than 2 years and are in good standing.

Should you be granted any financial assistance it is a condition of the grant that you:

1. Complete and submit the expedition feedback form within six weeks of returning to South Africa.
2. Write an article for the MCSA Journal. This article must be submitted in time to appear in the Journal covering the year of the expedition. If, however, the deadline for submissions is less than two months after the end of the expedition, the article may be submitted for the following year's Journal.
3. Give a slide show on the expedition to the CT Section.
4. Participate in at least three training meets or other events as requested in order to pass on some of your experience to other Club members.
5. Fulfill any other obligations as specified at the time of the application.

Sponsorship by the MCSA CT Section can only be considered in principle if the expedition complies with the following criteria:

1. The objectives of the expedition must fall within one or more of the following categories:
  - 1.1. The expedition's objective is to climb in and/or explore a remote mountain area.
  - 1.2. The expedition's objective is to attempt a new and/or significant route on rock, snow, or ice, where the preparations and logistics involved have the character of an expedition.
  - 1.3. The event has been organised by a Section of the MCSA or by Cencom with the intention to introduce new members to expeditions.
  - 1.4. The event will impart knowledge, skills, and experience to the participant(s), that they could not otherwise acquire within South Africa.
2. The expedition has a fair chance of success.
3. The expedition is not part of a commercial venture with paying clients.

Please note that the aim of the expedition fund is not to finance expeditions, but merely to show encouragement and approval by contributing a portion of the costs. The Club does not have, and is unlikely ever to have, sufficient funds to do more than this. Remember that the Club also has a number of other ways to show support for expeditions. These include the loan of special equipment, the writing of a letter of support that may improve the chances for the expedition members to obtain sponsorship elsewhere or of obtaining required permissions, and the wealth of experience of other Club members. Please make use of all of these options.