



**The High Mountain Institute is proud to offer its Civic Adventure scholarships for Gap 2017/2018.**

Through a unique combination of outdoor adventure and service learning, HMI Gap inspires the next generation of civically minded leaders and prepares them to get the most out of their college education. With programs traveling through Patagonia and the American West, you will discover more about the world and yourself, make lasting positive impacts, develop effective leadership and intellectual maturity, and leave more prepared to pursue your life's ambition. HMI Gap programs are 12-week traveling semesters in the fall and spring for ages 18-22; college credit is offered through Colorado Mountain College.

**Three partial scholarships** are available for Gap 2017/2018. Additional financial aid may be available. The ideal applicants for these scholarships should demonstrate:

- Commitment to and passion for outdoor adventure
- Commitment to service and/or addressing environmental issues
- Academic excellence and dedication to self-directed, experiential learning
- Outstanding character and leadership traits, such as:
  - Motivation for self-improvement
  - Willingness to embrace challenge and step out of his/her comfort zone
  - Ability to work in a team
  - Resilience in the face of adversity

**Scholarship Application Deadline: April 30, 2017**

How to Apply

In addition to the standard HMI Gap application, prospective students should submit a one-page letter of intent specifically addressing the scholarship criteria. Prospective students must also ask an adult mentor (e.g. a climbing coach, work supervisor, or club sponsor) to write a letter of support. This letter of support cannot be from the same person who writes the letter of recommendation in the standard HMI Gap application.

Please direct the letter of intent and letter of support to Becca Schild, Co-Director of HMI Gap at [rschild@hminet.org](mailto:rschild@hminet.org).

Who is Eligible?

Any student who is currently enrolled or applying to HMI Gap may also apply for the Civic Adventure scholarships. Complete Gap application and scholarship letters must be received by the scholarship deadline.