



**The High Mountain Institute is proud to offer its Civic Adventure scholarships for Gap programs during the 2018-2019 academic year.**

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 and Western State Colorado University.

**Three partial scholarships** are available for Gap programs in 2017/2018. Additional need-based financial aid may be available to participants. 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, 2018**

#### 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, teacher, etc.) 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 an HMI Gap program in 2018/2019 may also apply for the Civic Adventure scholarships. Complete Gap application and scholarship letters must be received by the scholarship deadline.