

## **CANSI PACIFIC MARIE-CAT BRUNO SCHOLARSHIPS 2023-2024**

CANSI Pacific is accepting applications for The Marie-Cat Bruno Scholarship Program\*.

Scholarships are available for Pacific skiers in the following categories:

- Nordic skiers who want to take the CANSI Level I Cross Country Instructor course or Level I Telemark course;
- Certified CANSI instructors in good standing who want to pursue their Level II, III or IV to teach more advanced skiers

Details:

- Applicants must reside in the CANSI Pacific Region (BC & Yukon).
- Applicants must pay their course registration fees upfront to secure their place in the course.
- Applications must be submitted one month prior to the start of the requested course start date.
- Scholarships do not include trail passes, transportation, accommodation, meals, retest fees or other expenses.
- Applicants must inform Pacific Committee of any other financial support received either through grants, employers, ski clubs or ski schools.
- Approved applicants will be informed prior to start of the course.
- Scholarship will be awarded when you have successfully passed the course and completed a 300-500 word article on your CANSI experience which may be used in the CANSI newsletter.
- In the event you are unsuccessful in either the teaching or skiing, you can retest either later in the season or in the next season.
- Successful applicants will be reimbursed up to 50% of the early bird registration fee of one course after successful completion and after completing their article.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis and reviewed by the CANSI Pacific Committee. Applications are approved by the CANSI Pacific Committee at meetings usually held at the beginning of each month.

CANSI Pacific will award up to four scholarships. Successful applicants who complete all the requirements will be reimbursed up to 50% of the early bird registration fee of one course.

### **To Apply:**

Submit a cover letter at least one month prior to the start of your requested course to [pacific@cansi.ca](mailto:pacific@cansi.ca) with subject line: Scholarship Application – [your name].

Provide a letter of support from your Snow School or Club Manager if applicable.

**Cover letter should include:**

- Overview of your 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 or outdoor program coordinator) Please note priority will be given to those Instructors who are working or volunteering.
- Outline your commitment to teaching as well as indicating why you feel you qualify for the program
- The benefit of CANSI certification to you and/or your students
- How you can support CANSI and/or expand Nordic skiing in your community or local club.

**\*Marie-Catherine Bruno aka Marie-Cat**

Marie-Cat Bruno joined CANSI in 2006 and achieved her level IV cross country ski instructor certification by 2008 and her level III telemark certification by 2014 (the highest level at that time), 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 with the Canadian Telemark Demonstration Team.

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

Sadly Marie-Cat died of an aneurysm on Sept.22, 2018 at the age of 47. She is greatly missed. In honour of Marie-Cat's contributions, CANSI Pacific has named its scholarship program in her memory.