



# BSES EXPEDITIONS

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**APPLICANTS:** Complete SECTIONS A, B & C  
For additional comments please attach a separate sheet  
with your name and relevant section and paragraph details.  
Your answers to B & C will be discussed at your interview.

Once completed, please give the form, with an A4 envelope addressed to BSES and a  
stamped Self Addressed A5 Envelope (for our reply), to your referee to complete SECTION D.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE USED THE CORRECT POSTAGE FOR EACH ENVELOPE  
Good Luck!

## Important

Please glue trimmed  
passport photo in this space.  
*(Please write your name on the back,  
in case it becomes detached)*

# YOUNG EXPLORER APPLICATION FORM

## SECTION A: Personal Details

Expedition 1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Year 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Forenames (preferred underlined): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth:  <sup>d</sup>  <sup>d</sup> /  <sup>m</sup>  <sup>m</sup> /  <sup>y</sup>  <sup>y</sup> Nationality on Passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Age on 1st July in the year of the expedition: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Correspondence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Landline: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Correspondence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Full name of Parents / Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have your Parents' / Guardians' permission to apply for this expedition? *(If under 18)*: YES  NO

Current School / University / Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please recommend a member of staff at the above who would be willing to receive information from BSES: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a vegetarian or do you have any special dietary requirements? *(Please specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any disability or medical conditions? *(Please specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did you hear about BSES Expeditions? *(Please specify)*: \_\_\_\_\_

[www.hugha.co.uk](http://www.hugha.co.uk)

## SECTION B: Previous Experience

Write briefly but concisely on any personal experience you may have had under the following headings  
(try to avoid repeating a particular experience):

1. Working as a member of a team. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Taking responsibility. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Camping and outdoors experience. When? Where? With whom? For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Adventurous activities and sporting interests (e.g. Hill walking, Skiing, Canoeing, Hockey) When? Where? With whom? For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How would you describe your general level of fitness? Poor  Average  Good  Excellent

6. List any youth organisations or groups you belong to (eg Duke of Edinburgh's Award):

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7. Can you swim? YES  NO

8. How would you describe your swimming ability? Weak  Average  Strong

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## SECTION C: The Expedition & You

1. Briefly summarise your principal academic interests and long-term goals (eg. further education, career aspirations)

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## SECTION C continued...

2. What skills and personal attributes will you bring to the expedition? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Why have you applied for this expedition and what would you like to gain from the experience?

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4. Briefly outline how you will fundraise for the expedition: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Would you be interested in receiving help with your fundraising from a BSES mentor? YES  NO

6. As part of the selection process and beyond, your contact details may be passed on to members of the Society and your expedition.

Please indicate here that you are willing for this to happen. YES

Date 

d	d	/	m	m	/	y	y

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION D: Reference

**TO APPLICANT:** Please hand this form to someone who knows you well at school, university or work so that they can provide a reference for you. Please include a stamped Self Addressed A5 Envelope (*for our reply*) and an A4 envelope addressed to BSES so that your referee can send off your application. If you wish to include an additional reference from an outdoor activities leader or similar, please do so, but enclose it under separate cover and be certain it includes your name and the position of the person giving the reference. **IMPORTANT - PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE USED THE CORRECT POSTAGE FOR EACH ENVELOPE**

**TO REFEREE:** In support of this application for a place on a BSES expedition it would be appreciated if you could supply a **CONFIDENTIAL REPORT** concentrating on the following points (*please use space provided on page 4*):

1. Any medical conditions or social concerns that may affect the applicant's participation.
2. A judgement on the applicant's level of responsibility and commitment.
3. Ability to stand up to physical and emotional stress.
4. Likely benefits of this expedition to the applicant.

Please would you be kind enough to read what the applicant has written under sections B & C of this application form, and confirm that to the best of your knowledge the information given is accurate. Please send your reference with this form and the applicant's stamped Self Addressed Envelope to:-

The Expeditions Co-ordinator, BSES Expeditions, at the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

## SECTION D: Referee's Report

Referee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Tel/Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Necessary for possible follow-up

## SECTION E: Interviewer's Report

*(Please see Interviewer Guidelines on the Volunteer section of our website [www.bses.org.uk](http://www.bses.org.uk))*

Interviewer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Awarded (A-E) \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_