

SODERGREN Scholarship Application

Video Application

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Hi my name is Sam and this is my application video for the SODERGREN Scholarship.

1. Commitment to education, training and accreditation

My journey in snowsports instruction began humbly as a Children's Program Assistant at Thredbo in 2023. Embracing every learning opportunity, I got certified in Snowboard level 1, alpine level 1, and snowboard level 2, all in my first season, along with gaining over 80 hours of teaching experience, and receiving the "Rookie Instructor" award. Following up on that momentum, I took up a full time teaching role at Club Med Japan, where I kept fine-tuning my teaching skills, and furthered my training with snowboard level 3 course in Niseko.

This progress was made possible by the invaluable guidance and support from snowsports community. I remain steadfast in my commitment to continuous learning, constantly seeking improvement through self-training and collaboration with peers.

2. Professionalism

Adhering to the APSI approach, I strive to uphold the principles in every lesson: keeping it safe, making sure it's fun, and inspiring guests to learn. My teaching style has been lauded by guests for its positivity, fun, attention to detail, and professionalism.

Beyond teaching, I conscientiously adhere to the Alpine Codes, prioritize physical well-being, engage in the instructor community, and commit to ongoing self-development.

3. Contribution and service provided to the industry

Despite being relatively new to the industry, I'm passionate about sharing my knowledge and experiences with fellow instructors and guests alike.

As one of the few Chinese APSI instructors, I take pride in representing APSI and promoting awareness of the unique Australian snowsports cultures within the Chinese community.

4. Future direction and commitment to the industry

Looking ahead, my aspirations include obtaining trainer/examiner certificate, and contributing further to the growth of APSI, particularly in regions like China. Additionally, I'm eager to explore different snow resorts worldwide, enriching my understanding of various cultures and operation models.

I am open to the abundant possibilities this industry offers - from coaching and management to APSI trainer/examiner, backcountry, photography and videography.

I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had thus far and eagerly anticipate the chance to contribute meaningfully to the future of snowsports instruction.

Thank you for considering my application. I'll see you on the slopes ;)

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