



# PROFESSIONAL AVALANCHE TRAINING STUDENT FEES

As the governing body of Professional Avalanche Training in the US, the American Avalanche Association (A3) collects an administration fee from each student enrolled in a Pro Training Course (Pro I, Pro II, and Pro AvSAR).

## Why does A3 charge a fee for Pro Courses?

Until the 22/23 season, A3 covered all costs related to oversight of Professional Avalanche Training. Student Fees were implemented to ensure that A3 could continue to provide sustainable and dedicated oversight, leadership, and support to students, course providers, and the industry as a whole.

## How much is the Student Fee?

\$100 per student per A3-Approved Pro Course.

## How was the Student Fee amount calculated?

Administration of the Pro Training Program costs A3 around \$80,0000 annually. Student Fees cover between 60-70% of total costs. A3 fundraises to cover all remaining costs annually.

## Where does the funding collected from Student Fees go?

Funding collected from Student Fees is restricted to the A3 Pro Training Program and is distributed to the following categories:

- Oversight and updates of *Proficiencies and Guidelines* for all Pro Courses
- Salary for full-time Pro Training staff
- Collaborative reviews of all current providers to ensure continued quality
- Review of new provider applications
- Marketing of professional avalanche education to the general public
- Student feedback collection
- Annual Pro Trainer Workshops

## Additional benefits to Students:

Each student fee purchased includes a complimentary year of A3 membership. This includes access to publications, scholarships, grants, professional training opportunities, etc. **Complimentary A3 membership is a benefit provided by A3 and funding from Student Fees does NOT go towards this membership or membership costs.**

## How do I purchase my Student Fee?

Visit [www.americanavalancheassociation.org/pro-course-student-fee](http://www.americanavalancheassociation.org/pro-course-student-fee) to pay your Student Fee

## Registering multiple students for Pro Training Courses?

Contact Jayne Nolan at [Jayne@avalanche.org](mailto:Jayne@avalanche.org) to request invoicing/payment options for multiple students.