The Opportunity
The CBT, in partnership with Jamie’s Whaling Station and Adventure Centres, would like to send one youth delegate from the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region to take part in the Student On Ice Foundation’s 2020 Arctic Expedition (July 5 - July 20, 2020). The 2020 Students On Ice Arctic expedition will be a profound hands-on experience for youth to expand their knowledge of the changing circumpolar world, foster a new understanding and respect for the planet, and gain the inspiration and motivation needed to help lead us to a healthy and sustainable future.

The ship-based expedition will bring together more than 100 youth from around the world with inspiring scientists, Elders, educators, artists, musicians, CEO’s, dignitaries, journalists, authors and innovators. Immersed in nature and engaged in cross-disciplinary activity, students will be inspired, motivated, educated and challenged.

Each day will be filled with exploration, discovery, presentations, workshops, hands-on research, hikes, and lots of adventure! Activities will include wildlife encounters, visits to Arctic communities, as well as the opportunity to acquire first-hand knowledge and insight into the dynamics of climate change, traditional knowledge, scientific research, policy, and other important Arctic and global topics.

The Responsibility
The expedition fee ($13,500) is provided by contributions from the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and Jamie’s Whaling Station and Adventure Centres. However, the successful applicant will be required to pay for travel from their home to St. John's Newfoundland where the journey begins and return travel from Ottawa, Ontario where the expedition ends. Financial support for travel may be available for those whose financial circumstances would prevent them from participating. The successful youth will also be responsible for bringing suitable clothing and gear.

Eligibility
To be considered, students must:

- Be between 14-18 years old at the time of application.
- Be enrolled in a local secondary school (or an approved home-school program) at the time of application.
- Reside within the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region (Macoah, Ucluelet, Hitacu, Esowista, Ty-Histanis, Tofino, Opitsaht, Ahousaht, Hot Springs Cove)
- Understand that this is an educational expedition, not a vacation experience. All students must be committed to participating fully in all aspects of the mandatory education program and research activities prior to and during the expedition.
- Demonstrate some or all of the following qualities: strong academic ability and/or passion for learning; leadership qualities and/or potential to develop these qualities; active involvement in the community; and a desire to make a difference.
- Accept the responsibility to act as an ambassador for their community and school.
- Possess a passport or are able to complete the process of obtaining a passport.

Application Deadline
Applications are due: April 19th, 2020 by 11:59 p.m.
Apply through CBT’s online grant application platform: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cbt

Questions/Need Help?
Please contact Brett Freake, CBT Program Coordinator, at brett@clayoquotbiosphere.org or 250-725-2219

NOTE: Information submitted by applicants will be reviewed by CBT and Jamie’s Whaling Station and Adventure Centre staff and selection committee and kept confidential.