

'17-'18 Stacey Cook/SVST Scholarship Application

Welcome to a new year of the Stacey Cook/Sun Valley Ski Tools Scholarship. A HUGE thanks to Sun Valley Ski Tools for making this scholarship available for an incredible 11th year. SVST and myself get such a thrill out of being able to help some up and coming champions of the sport and life. This year we will once again be awarding 6 scholarships. Recipients will receive \$500 worth of ski tools and \$500 worth of Race Service wax along with some other goodies. The application process has become harder over the years because of the sheer number of quality applicants. I know the application is challenging, but do your best to show me your true character, because it isn't always the best skier, or the best essay that wins. Winners have shown willingness to help their communities, passion for skiing, effort in achieving their goals, sportsmanship, and maybe a bit of humor too! If you have a great story, we want to know about it. Remember, this application is likely the only way we know you, so show us who you really are! Good luck to all.

About SVST

SVST invents and manufactures some of the best ski tuning tools and wax in the world. They take great pride in making every effort to find "Made in U.S.A." products. The benefit of owning their own full production machine shop, housed in the same complex, allows them to manufacture many of their own tools. They are also a wholesale distributor for Intuition Liners, Reichmann Tuning Machines, The Carrot hand-held edger, Raceservice-1 wax, SkiMan and just about anything you can find in a tuning shop. Be sure to check out their online store for most everything racing: race-werks.com.

About Stacey

I was an original member of the SVST Competition Team from 2000-2005. SVST was one of my first sponsors and provided much of the support and enthusiasm that helped me reach my goals as a junior racer and beyond. When I made the USST in 2004, my need for tuning and wax diminished thanks to the support of the USST, but my gratitude for SVST and all the help they gave me did not. In 2006, SVST and I came up with the idea of a more "official" SVST Competition Team in the form of annual scholarships based on the original values of the team. Talent, sportsmanship, and outstanding character on and off the slopes are what the team is about. I have represented the United States in 3 Olympic Games, 6 World Championships, am a 3-time National Champion and have three World Cup silver medals.

Rules

1. Scholarship is for U16's and U19's with a valid USSA license in the 2017-2018 season only. No exceptions

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2. You must fully complete the application and have it postmarked by the due date. Late applications will not be reviewed, no exceptions.
3. After the application period closes and all applications are reviewed, winners will be notified and/or check www.staceycook.net for the announcement.

Tips and Hints to winning a scholarship

1. This application is the only way we will get to know you before choosing the recipients. EXPRESS YOURSELF in your writing and let us know who you are and what you are about.
2. Past winners have been the ones that show the most enthusiasm and commitment for the sport and life, can display talent (not always the best), are hard working, and involved in the community.
3. Answer each question in a way that makes me believe how you truly feel and that you are not just writing what you think I want to hear.

Instructions

1. Read all instructions and decide if this is a good fit for you.
2. Fill out the Application and Essay question.
3. Gather any Assisting Material to complete your application
4. Mail to
SVST Scholarship Committee
2033 Century Wy
Boise, ID 83709
5. Applications must be postmarked by ***August 31st, 2017***
6. Any questions can be directed to Stacey at staceycookusa@gmail.com

-There are three parts to the application. Basic Info, Essay Questions, and Assisting Material. While the Basic Info and Essay Questions are required, the Assisting Material is left for your creativity. Here are some ideas;

- Letter of Recommendation from a coach (strongly encouraged)
- Letter of Recommendation from a peer
- Pictures
- Collage
- DVD
- News Paper article
- Report Cards

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Please include a brief biography of yourself which may include any or all of the below topics

- Your favorite school subjects, how you combine education with ski racing, and your educational goals
- Other sports and hobbies you participate in
- Ski racing is expensive for all, why do you in particular need financial assistance?
- Other awards or scholarship.
- What does sportsmanship mean to you as a ski racer?
- How do you now or plan to give back to the sport
- What are your ski racing objectives for the next 12 months?

Essay (500-750 words) choose one of the four. The essay options are taken directly from college application essay questions. These are difficult and meant for older students than you. Ask questions and seek help but make sure the answers and writing are your own.

Lehigh University-

“If your name were an acronym, what would it stand for and how would it reflect your strengths and personality?”

Texan Christian University-

“Take a blank sheet of paper. Do with this page what you wish. Your only limitations are the boundaries of this page. You don’t have to submit anything, but we hope you will use your imagination.”

Wake Forest University-

“Give us your top ten list.”

Yale University-

“What is something about which you have changed your mind in the last three years?”

University of California-

“You are in a car driving from Maine to California and are allowed to bring only one person, dead or alive. Who would you select to bring and why? “