

2020-2021 Far West Masters Scholarship Program Application

We encourage all Far West Skiing Alpine athletes 13-20 years old to apply. Scholarships are awarded based on a combination of (and in order of importance) exemplary work ethic, academic scholarship, citizenship, financial need, and race results. Applications are due October 12th 2020. Award winners will be announced in late November. Funds are then placed into racers' accounts from which they may draw upon during the season for racing expenses. In return for funding, the Masters ask that recipients forerun one of their races and speak at an awards ceremony. The experience has proven to be quite fun as it allows a junior athlete to show off their stuff and to thank the Masters in person for their support. Your participation by speaking and selling raffle tickets at our awards parties is an important contribution to our fund-raising efforts and it helps to teach about "giving back".

Even with the uncertainties due to the pandemic with what will happen in the upcoming ski season, we plan to go forward with this program. We will be flexible with regards to funding and athlete requirements based on the expected updates of schedules and programs.

As always, it is an honor to receive applications from such a great group of athletes. Thank you in advance for applying.

Eddie Mozen, Chairman Masters Scholarship Fund

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(Application Guidelines & Instructions)

1. Entire applications may be submitted on line at the Far West SKIING website <http://www.fwskiing.us> (preferred method of submission)
A completed application includes all form questions answered, essays submitted and supporting documents attached. Once an application has been submitted via the website a 'thank you for completing' page will show up to prove a completed submission.
2. Applications may be sent as a hard copy to Far West Masters Scholarship Program c/o Eddie Mozen; PO Box 3718; Olympic Valley, Calif. 96146. If sending a hard copy, please send 3 copies of the entire application.
3. You may include a return postcard to ensure that your application was received on time and is complete.
4. Please provide 3 letters of recommendation (.jpg, .gif, .png, .pdf, .txt, .doc, or .docx format). Letters should focus on work ethic, academic scholarship, citizenship, leadership, financial need, and obstacles or personal difficulties you have overcome. These letters need to be signed by the author.
 1. one from your Parent or Guardian,
 2. one from a peer (someone of similar age to you) and
 3. one from a teacher, academic advisor or community leader (we do not need a coach letter).
5. Please provide a copy of your most recent report card and previous year's transcript from your school (.jpg, .gif, .png, .pdf, .txt, .doc, or .docx format). If not in school, please explain your circumstances.
6. Please include a 3x3 color head and shoulder picture of yourself to be used for publicity purposes (.jpg, .gif, .png, .pdf, .txt, .doc, or .docx format).
7. Applications must be complete and received by October 12th, 2020. Consider getting applications in early. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
8. BE TRUE TO YOURSELF

-This application process is rigorous, but it is an exercise to give you experience for your college application process. Fill out the application yourself. You will be much more satisfied with the result when you put in the effort.

-Write what YOU think, feel and believe...don't write what you think we want to hear. This is your chance to be yourself and distinguish yourself from others.

Name:
Mailing address:
Telephone:
E-mail address:
Birth date:
Race Team/Program:
Primary or Head Coach and phone:

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
- Funding sources (please list)
- What are your ski racing objectives for the next 12 months?

Essay (500-750 words) choose **ONE** of the following four prompts. 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.

1)“Let’s go back to a time when learning was pure joy. Please tell us your favorite childhood book and why.”

2)“What do you hope to find over the rainbow?”

3)The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

4)Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?