

Far West Masters Scholarship Program 2019-2020 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 by September 15th 2019**. Award winners are announced in mid-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".

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

Far West Masters Scholarship Application (Application Guidelines & Instructions)

1. Entire applications may be submitted on line at the Far West SKIING website www.fwskiing.org (preferred method of 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: one from your parent or guardian, one from a peer (someone of similar age to you) and one from a teacher, academic advisor or community leader (we do not need a coach letter). 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.
5. Please provide a copy of your most recent report card and previous year's transcript from your school. If not in school, please explain your circumstances.
6. Applications must be **complete and received by September 15th, 2019**. Consider getting applications in early. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. Please include a 3x3 color head and shoulder picture of yourself to be used for publicity purposes
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 five 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. Write about a moment that illustrated your shift from child to adult within your community or family.
2. Write your top 10 list.
3. Tell us about a time where you had to either take a risk or stay safe. What did you do? What happened? Would you do it again?
4. If you could meet with any person, living or dead, for an hour, who would it be and what would you say to them?
5. What is the worst decision you have ever made and why?