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Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation Grant & Scholarship Application

Dear MRSEF Grant or Scholarship Applicant,

The Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation Board of Directors is committed to providing means of financial assistance to MRSEF athletes in order for them to pursue ski racing excellence. These Scholarships & Grants are designed to provide critical funds for qualified, talented athletes who otherwise would be unable to finance their ski racing ambitions.

At this time the Board has authorized up to \$8000 per year be distributed as needed to the Mission Ridge Ski Team. Below you will find the available opportunities and guidelines:

Scholarship: A request for funds to offset MRSEF tuition costs, summer and fall camps. Funds for Scholarships are available to U-16 level and above.

Scholarship Application Time Period: Completed applications for program tuition scholarships must be submitted by November 13th. Applications for camp tuitions must be submitted by May 1st.

Awarded scholarship monies are to be applied directly to the participant's tuition for the ski season/program indicated on the application.

Grant: A request for funds to assist a participant competing in an event or events. Grants are available to MRSEF U14 through U21 whose pursuit of ski racing excellence creates financial burden on their families.

Grant Application Time Period: Due to the nature of race qualifications, completed grant applications may be submitted throughout the ski season with a cutoff date of May 1st.

Grant Follow-up: A follow up report is to be submitted by the Grant recipient within 10 days of the conclusion of the event(s). This report is to include full accounting of how the provided funds were used including receipts and if possible action photos from the event(s).

Grant Application Guidelines: Specific purpose of the Grant should be clearly stated, and supported by a budget outlining exactly for what the funds will be used, and where other funding sources are available and being sought.

Scholarship & Grant Funding Limits: Individuals may request a maximum of \$1000 per ski season via the Scholarship Program with a combined \$2000 per season combined Scholarship & Grants. Minimum amount for Grant application is \$250 with a maximum amount of \$1000.

Distribution of Grant and Scholarship Funds: Awarded funds will be applied to the members' MRSEF account or paid to the event hosting organization. Funds are not to be paid directly to the athlete or family, nor credited to the members' account for any purpose other than that stated in the Scholarship or Grant Application. Reimbursement to members' account for fees already paid are to be considered outside the scope of the Grant and Scholarship program.

Applicant Requirements: Scholarships & Grants are limited to those persons who are current paid members of MRSEF.

Application Review Process: The MRSEF Board makes use of a separate independent review panel made up of community members with a wealth of experience in competitive ski racing. Parents with athletes in the program may not be part of the review board. The MRSEF Program Director coordinates review and follows up with this panel and will notify the applicant & Board President of the panel decision.

Applications for both Scholarship & Grants should be sent to:
MRSEF Grant Committee
25 N. Wenatchee Ave. Suite 112
Wenatchee, WA 98801

CHECK LIST

Application Form

Coach's Recommendation Form (or letter) (Signed)

Athletes' Essay

1040 Tax Form (front page only) (If applicant is 18 years or older their 1040 tax form may be submitted in lieu of their parents)

Schedule "C" Tax Return (If you or your parent is self-employed)

Acknowledgement and signed signature page

NO Scholarship or Grant requests will be processed if any of the above noted items are missing or incomplete.

MRSEF Reserves the right to publish the names of Scholarship/Grant recipients.

Sincerely

MRSEF Board of Directors

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Scholarship Application

Amount of scholarship request \$ _____

Program which scholarship would be applied to: _____

Grant Application

Amount of grant request \$ _____

Name of event: _____

Location of event: _____

Date of event: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Age: _____ Classification: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

USSA: _____ Home Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Parents Names: _____

Parents Email & Phone Numbers: _____

Other children in the family who are either in ski racing or other elite level athletics noting name, age sport, level of commitment.

Special Circumstances: Please describe any special circumstances (medical, financial, college etc.), that the review panel should be made aware of when reviewing this application.

What has it cost your family in the previous year to support your ski racing goals?

Will your expenses be any different this year?

What MRSEF volunteer activities you have supported in the past year, and plan to support in the coming year?

Do you plan on attending summer or fall training camps? If yes which ones?

Do you work during the summer and non-racing periods? If yes how much do you earn?

What other sources of funding to you have available to you?

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Race Plan

What types of races do you plan on entering in the coming (2014/2015) season. (e.g. PNSA, Evergreen Cup, NW Cup, Junior Olympics, Western Region FIS, National FIS, NorAm), and approximately how many races do you plan to attend?

Ski Racing Improvement & Accomplishments

Please print off you USSA and or FIS Athlete History information for the past two ski seasons. Following the respective website instructions, the list should not your points at beginning and end of the season as well as races attended and placement at each event.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (A= 4.0)

Please include a copy of your current school TRANSCRIPT with your application. A transcript is different than a report card. Transcripts demonstrate a student's academic activity over time providing a cumulative GPA vs. a report card which is specific to a given time period (quarter, trimester, semester). Please talk with your school's councilor if uncertain how to obtain.

Essay

Applicants should prepare a two page essay when submitting an application for Scholarship or Grant. This essay (12 point times, double spaced, one inch margins), should address the following key points:

- a. Short biography on yourself.
- b. Outlines the financial commitments you and your family make to ski racing and how the Scholarship or Grant will impact you.
- c. Describes your involvement with school and community.
- d. Describes your passion for ski racing.

Please note your essay may be posted on the MRST website to share with the membership the hard work, dedication, and love for ski racing that is illustrated therein.

Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation Scholarship & Grant Application Acknowledgement and Signature Page

Name: _____ Age: _____ Classification: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

USSA Number: _____ Home telephone: _____

• I certify that to the best of my knowledge that the information provided in this application is true and complete.

• I understand that in the case of a Grant I am required to file a pre-race budget request, or within 10 days an expense reimbursement request with the Scholarship/Grant Committee, and also must file within 10 days an after-event report with the Committee detailing the use of the funds, which may be one and the same as a reimbursement request.

• I understand that as a recipient of a Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation Scholarship or Grant that I am bound by the Code of Conduct of the Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation and Mission Ridge Ski Team and will not willfully violate this Code. That if I do willfully violate this Code that the current or future right to any Scholarship or Grant may be forfeited at the discretion of the Scholarship/Grant Committee or the MRSEF Board of Directors, and that monies already provided me under this Scholarship Grant may have to be returned to the Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation.

• I acknowledge that by receiving this Scholarship or Grant I am deemed an ambassador of goodwill for the Mission Ridge Ski Team and will behave in manner that promotes good sportsmanship both within my team and at all events I attend.

• I further acknowledge that by receiving this Scholarship or Grant that I will be involved as a volunteer with all the MRSEF fundraising activities my schedule allows, and will endeavor to contribute to MRSEF fundraising activities through promoting these activities in my community as long as I am a member of the Mission Ridge Ski Team.

• I hereby release to Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation and the Mission Ridge Ski Team any photos of my likeness for its promotional purposes as long as I remain a member of the Mission Ridge Ski Team.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation Scholarship Application Coach's Recommendation Form

RACERS: GIVE YOUR COACH A COPY OF THIS FORM WITH PLENTY OF TIME FOR HIM/HER TO FILL IT OUT. THE COACH IS TO RETURN THE FORM TO MRSEF (This document will only be viewed by the Scholarship/Grant committee)

Name of Applicant:

Coach's Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Rank the individual on a scale of 1-10 (10 being the top athlete of your career)

Rank 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Work ethic on the hill

Work ethic at dry land training

Potential as a ski racer

Helpful to program

Supports program fund raisers

Family's financial need

Efforts to find other financial help

Why do you recommend this racer for a Scholarship: (added support to items checked above). Your honest evaluation of the athlete's ability and financial need are essential.