

Dear Masters Ski Racer,

We are now in our 18th year of raising funds to benefit Far West Junior ski racers. We are proud that all money raised has been distributed with no overhead to Far West Junior Athletes. Our goal is to promote academic scholarship, citizenship and leadership within the ski racing community and keep athletes involved in ski racing that might not otherwise have a chance without financial support. We are also proud of the fact that a majority of our sponsored athletes have gone on to college, many on ski and scholastic scholarships. We believe keeping athletes involved in ski racing keeps them focused, teaches discipline and helps them to be successful in the rest of their life endeavors.

Additionally, the US Ski Team currently has 4 of our sponsored athletes on the Team. Far West Masters Scholarship alumni include Marco Sullivan, Stacey Cook, Tim Jitloff and Travis Ganong.

In return for their awards, we ask that all recipients come to Masters Races to forerun as well as give a speech at an awards ceremony. We get to meet face to face with these great up and coming racers. This also exposes them to Masters racing and they discover how much fun we have, the years of camaraderie the sport provides and that ski racing is a life-long pursuit and lifestyle.

As we continue to expand we have begun a concussion awareness program that includes purchasing and making available to all Far West junior athletes the IMPACT baseline cognitive test. We have several additional new projects on the horizon with the ultimate goal of setting up a full scholarship program to college for our sponsored athletes.

Our personal plea is that you please consider donating to our program this year. We are asking for a tax-deductible contribution of \$200 (check made out to "Far West Masters Scholarship Program" and send c/o Eddie Mozen to the letterhead address). We will provide you with a letter confirming your donation to our organization which is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) public charity tax exempt organization. Of course any monetary contribution is greatly appreciated, last year we received checks from \$20-\$1000! As the tough economic times are hard on us, they are also hard on the ski race programs and we need to keep them going!

Other ways in which you can help our scholarship athletes:

- 1) We need prizes to support a raffle every race weekend. Products, services, anything will do.
- 2) Review scholarship applications. If you would like to help with this process please let me know.
- 3) Help write thank you letters, solicit sponsors, and organize events and auctions.
- 4) Any other ideas or contributions to our program are more than welcome.

This is our scholarship program. It has been incredibly successful because of the contributions from our members. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Eddie Mozen, Miles Anderson, Doug Fulton

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