



2015 Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship Award Nico Montforte

The Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship is a \$10,000 scholarship to be used towards college expenses. It is given out yearly to a member of the Far West Masters Scholarship Program. To be eligible you must be a member of the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and be accepted to an accredited Junior College, University or vocational school for the coming fall. The panel of five judges takes a look at each applicant in depth. Grades and test scores indicate discipline, while test scores shed light on overall academic development. The panel will reach out to the applicants' coaches, teachers, and peers to get a sense of the character of each applicant. Each year the make up of the group of applicants has been outstanding. The Wattenmaker family is proud to be a member of this community and love being part of the Masters scholarship program to help ease the financial burden for the wonderful young adults who are in pursuit of a college education.

Jeff Wattenmaker initiated his namesake scholarship prior to his death in 2010. Jeff was very impressed with the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and its ideals. Jeff loved ski racing and passed on his love of the mountains to his children. Jeff generously arranged to donate funds to expand the Far West Masters Scholarship Program and to thereby make available funding for a University education to members of the Program.

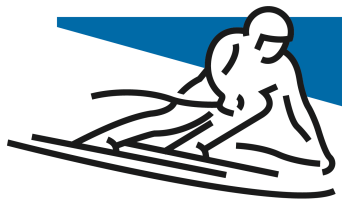
This year, the recipient of this award is Nico Montforte from Squaw Valley. Nico Montforte is a humble, kind, hard working and talented young man. Nico grew up in Squaw Valley; ski raced through the U18 program, and found his niche in Skier Cross. After showing great promise, Nico injured himself training in Europe. Knowing he had many months of Physical Therapy, he made the decision to start his university education last fall at UNR, focusing on a degree in Mechanical Engineering. While working, continuing intense PT, he finished the scholastic year on the Deans List.

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Nico Monforte with Gwen Wattenmaker (Jeff's daughter, a avid U14 competitor)

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