



The goal of the Far West Masters Scholarship program is to promote academic scholarship, citizenship and leadership within the ski racing community and keep athletes involved in ski racing that might otherwise not have a chance without financial support. We believe keeping athletes involved in ski racing keeps them focused, teaches them discipline and helps them to be successful in the rest of their life endeavors. 2019 is the 26th year of the program and we have raised over \$1 million dollars to support Far West Athletes.

Selected participants are chosen based on a combination of (and in order of importance) citizenship, exemplary work ethic, academic scholarship, financial need, and race results. They are awarded a sum of money that is used for race related expenses during the ski season. In return, the chosen athlete must sign a contract agreeing to abide by the USSA code of conduct and set up a forerun date for a Masters race to both forerun and then stand up in front of the group and give a “talk” at the awards party about themselves.

Once in the program, there are other benefits to sponsored athletes:

1. If an athlete qualifies for a high-level race (Regional Championships, Nor Ams, US Nationals) then they may be awarded additional funding to cover these expenses.
2. Afforded the opportunity to attend, at a subsidized fee, the Masters pre-season training camp at Copper Mountain.
3. Eligibility to apply for the new Far West Masters College Scholarship awarded annually.
4. We fund the concussion awareness program that includes purchasing and making available to all Far West junior athletes the IMPACT baseline cognitive test which helps assess head injuries and when it is safe for an athlete to return to sport.

We have found that the most important aspect of the program is that it builds relationships between Far West student athletes and Masters ski racers. Juniors learn what it takes to live successful lives, how to become an asset to our community and become productive members of our society from the experiences and life lessons that they share with the Far West Masters racers. We have arranged multiple internships in the healthcare and business fields for these athletes during and after college.

There is no overhead in our program. All administrative costs are donated so every dollar goes directly to one of these programs. This is our scholarship program. It has been incredibly successful because of the contributions from our members. Thank you for your continued support.

Far West Masters College Scholarship

2018 was the 10th and final year of the Jeff Wattenmaker Scholarship program. Jeff initiated his namesake scholarship prior to his death from melanoma. Jeff was very impressed with the Far West Masters Scholarship program and its ideals. He generously arranged to donate funds to expand the Far West Masters Scholarship program by making funding available for college education expenses to recipients of his scholarship. His funding supported 13 of our Far West student athletes to attend college in the amount of \$10,000 per athlete.

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Given the success of the Wattenmaker Scholarship program, the Far West Masters are now offering an annual Far West Masters College Scholarship through our organization. This year's winner is Sophia Staudenmayer.

This year, in our request for your donation I would like to offer you the option of directing your funding towards the goal of keeping this college scholarship going. Additionally, we have an anonymous donor that will match all funds raised for Sophia up to \$10,000!

For the general fund, 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). If you wish to direct additional funding to our Far West Masters College Scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors who are planning to attend college...let me know and I will direct your contribution accordingly. Of course any monetary contribution is greatly appreciated. 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.

Sincerely,

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2019 Far West Masters College Scholarship Award

Sophia Staudenmayer



Hi Friends and Family,

I am excited to announce that I am the recipient of the 2019 Far West Masters College Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate ski racer who will be attending a secondary education program. The recipient is chosen based on their combination of (and in order of importance) exemplary work ethic, academic scholarship, citizenship, and financial need. Despite missing half of my classes in the winter of my junior and senior years of high school for competition travel, I maintained a 4.07 unweighted GPA. As a senior, I was able to qualify for US Nationals while maintaining straight A's (including 4 AP courses) and coming back from a knee injury that sidelined me for six weeks in the middle of the season. In my junior year of school, I was the recipient of the Mathematics Departmental Award as a result of my performance in AP Calculus class and in my senior year, I was the recipient of the Harleen Family Citizenship award.

This year's scholarship is unique as the amount of the scholarship is dependent on donations. Any donation will be matched up to \$10,000, so the award could potentially be \$20,000. As you can imagine, this amount of money would be extremely helpful for me to pursue both my academic and athletic dreams at Boston College for the next four years. The donation is to a 501c organization, so it is tax deductible. I ask that you please consider donating to support my pursuit of a higher education.

Thank you so much for your support!

Sophia Staudenmayer

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