



Lucy Schram
Far West Administrator

MEMORANDUM

RE: Far West Skiing - Dave Van Ruiten Memorial Scholarship

The Far West Board of Directors will once again offer the Far West Skiing - Dave Van Ruiten* Memorial Scholarship for the 2011-12 ski season. A \$1,000 fund is available from Far West Skiing.

The athlete chosen for this special award must be a J1 for the coming season, and must have a legitimate chance of being selected to the United States Ski Team (USST), according to the judgment of the Far West Board, based on the athlete's national junior FIS ranking in one or more disciplines. Applicants must be members in good standing with Far West Skiing. In the event the Far West Board believes multiple athletes meet the appropriate criteria, they will look to financial need to assist in the final decision process.

To apply for this scholarship, all applicants must complete and submit an application. The criteria to apply for this scholarship includes a completed application, USSA Athlete History, letters of recommendation, a copy of your most recent report card from school, and required photos. All completed applications, with everything in either a single pdf file or mailed in one packet, no staples or presentation folders please, must be sent to the Far West skiing office, and received no later than October 21, 2011. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The dollar commitment to this scholarship fund will be set annually by the Far West Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting held each Spring.

The Far West Skiing Board of Directors will announce the recipient of this scholarship on its website on Monday, November 14th, 2011.

Completed applications may be emailed or mailed to:

Dave Van Ruiten Memorial Scholarship
Lucy Schram, Administrator
Far West Skiing
PO Box 2664
Truckee, Ca 96160
Email: lucy@fwskiing.org
Fax: 866.739.2993

** Dave Van Ruiten, former Director of Racing at Sugar Bowl Resort, passed away on November 7, 2005. He was the former Vice President of Far West Skiing, a tremendous leader and asset to junior ski racing in this region, and a highly respected professional. He was instrumental in Sugar Bowl's commitment and rise to national ski racing prominence over the past several years. This special scholarship award to a Far West athlete with USST potential and financial need is named in his honor.*



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DAVE VAN RUITEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE

Completed applications are due to The Far West Skiing Office by Friday, October 21, 2011. Applications need to be either emailed in a single pdf file or mailed in one packet, no staples or presentation folders please. Digital format is preferred. There will be one scholarship, at \$1000, awarded for the 11-12 season in honor of Mr. Van Ruiten. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

A complete application includes:

1. The Application Form, a downloadable pdf file, must be signed by both the applicant and a parent/guardian.
2. USSA Athlete History Viewer from the past season. This document is available on the United States Ski Association web site, at the following link :
http://services.ussa.org/USSAPublic/compservices/AthleteHistory_USSA.jsp?SportCode=ALP . This is the direct link for a printable version of the athlete history.
3. Letters of Recommendation: Two letters are required. One letter should be from the athlete's club or coach. The other letter should be from a teacher, academic advisor, or community leader. Letters should focus on sportsmanship, leadership, work ethic, community service, and obstacles or personal difficulties you have overcome. Letters of recommendation from a parent will not be considered.
4. A copy of your most recent report card from school. If not in school, please explain your circumstances.
5. A non returnable head and shoulders photo of the applicant. Photos should be a minimum of 3 x 5 (8 x 10 is preferable). Other action photos are encouraged. Successful applicants will be asked to provide the photos in a .jpg format or other digital format to be used for possible publication.



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DAVE VAN RUITEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly!

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Email Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____ School _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Please indicate your 2011-2012 Competition level: (Example: Level J1-1st or 2nd year)

PARENTAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Email Address _____ Daytime Phone (_____) _____

CLUB/TRAINING FACILITY INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Administrator _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Email _____

Applicant's Coach _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____



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Email _____

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide answers to each numbered question:

1. What is it about ski racing that excites you?
2. What are your ski racing objectives for the coming year?
3. Ski racing is expensive for all, why are you in need of financial assistance?
4. What else are you doing to help support your ski racing?
5. What other funding resources do you receive through sponsorships or scholarships?
6. Tell us of your ski racing accomplishments; include any titles, honors or special awards you have received.
7. How do you combine education with ski racing?
8. What are your educational goals?
9. In what other sports, activities or hobbies do you participate?

Applications and the information therein is for the exclusive use of the DVR Memorial Scholarship Committee only and will not be used for any purpose other than the award of scholarships, except the use of photos for possible associated publication.

Applications will be reviewed and scholarships awarded by November 14th. Funds for successful applicants shall be distributed by the Far West Skiing office.

Signature of Athlete _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____

BE SURE TO INCLUDE WITH THE DAVE VAN RUITEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

- ❖ USSA Athlete History Viewer for the past season.
- ❖ Two Letters of Recommendation
- ❖ A copy of your most recent report card from school. If not in school, please explain your circumstances.
- ❖ Required photos

Completed applications must arrive at Far West Skiing not later than Friday, October 21st.

Send application to:

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