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Making Disciples of Jesus

March 11, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my privilege to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Adam Peterson in his application for the "Flyin Ryan Scholarship." I have served as Adam's Pastor for his entire life. He and his family are active members of Central Lutheran Church.

Early on in Adam's life his Dad and Mom instilled in him a love for skiing. It has been remarkable to see how Adam's love for skiing has grown exponentially over the years. For instance, every Sunday at Central we ask members to fill out prayer cards if they have something they want us to pray for. Once Adam learned how to write he began to fill out a weekly prayer card asking us to pray for him to become a pro skier. Beginning in Kindergarten and continuing throughout his elementary years he submitted these requests asking us to pray. His passion and love for skiing continued to grow even as he became a teenager.

His passion and desire are coupled with a commitment to the hard work of practicing and spending time skiing when many of his friends would be doing other activities. Adam, in one sense, embodies the phrase, "for this I was born." For me, this became apparent in 2017. In the winter of 2017 Adam's Dad died of suicide. His Dad, along with his Mom, taught him to ski and was very supportive of Adam's love of skiing. In the months that followed his Dad's death it became apparent that Adam found life, solace and freedom on the slopes. His Dad's death did not cause him to step back from skiing, but it became a place of healing, restoration and destiny.

From what I have been told about the "Flyin Ryan Scholarship" I think this would be a great opportunity for Adam to continue to grow his skiing skills and abilities. I know that he would work hard and see this as a special gift that will help him achieve his high goal of becoming a professional skier.

I sincerely hope that Adam is awarded a scholarship for his summer. He is a worthy recipient and would not take this opportunity for granted as he has no sense of entitlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Johansson".

Paul Johansson  
Pastor

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