

Dear Flyin Ryan Scholarship Program,

Learning to ski in Minnesota has taught me many things. Since I was little I've skied in the toughest conditions Midwest skiing has to offer. From freezing fingers and toes, to 20 below days, to 40 degrees and raining, I still can't get enough. I've skied over 100 days already this season. I have tried my hardest and will keep trying my hardest, with the hills and terrain that I have in Minnesota. My goal for this scholarship is to help me enhance my skiing skills by attending ski camps where I could learn a lot of new tricks. This ties into my core values of never give up even though I don't have everything I don't stop trying.

This scholarship would help me and my Mom because she is a single Mom of two skiers, which is not cheap. She is a Special Education teacher working 8-4, Monday-Friday. After work, she has to drive my sister and I to practice which is not always at the same hill (both hills are 1 hour away). She makes my skiing a possibility for me, by doing these things for me every day of the ski season, which I'm very grateful for.

When I was in Middle School I would collect scrap metal and recycle it for money. Every single Birthday and Christmas present I've ever received has been for skiing. To help my Mom get me to the ski hill, I carpool with other skiers to save my Mom gas money and time on the road. Also, I always pack a cold lunch so I don't have to spend money to buy expensive chalet food. I have never had a gaming console like PS4 or Xbox or any of that, because why would I be inside playing video games when I could be skiing. I try not to ask my Mom for things that are not necessary. I wax and tune my own skis all by myself. My family has taught me the importance of doing what I love no matter what, playing outside.

I love skiing because I can be creative with the lines/features that I want to hit and the tricks that I want to do. I can do it all in my own kind of style. Skiing also allows me to forget about all the things that I have going on in the "real world" and just focus on my skiing. Skiing is a great way for me to meet new people that also love to ski and pursue their passions. As of March 21, 2019, I have skied 502 hours, this season. I've done all that skiing, while attending a regular Public School and keeping a 3.5 GPA. this shows that I work hard to get where I want to go. I want to have confidence in whatever I do, because confidence comes from doing what you feel passionate about.

One of my goals is to compete in the Dew Tour, Xgames, and possibly the Olympics. I know that attending Freestyle summer camps would help me become a better skier, and achieve these goals. I would be able to learn lots of new tricks, because I could practice tricks on trampolines, then I can try it in the foam pit or air bag.

Once those tricks are stomped in the pit, then I can bring them to snow, all within the same day.

What skiing means to me. Skiing means the world to me. I start thinking about right after the last hill closes. This past summer I built a summer setup. A summer setup is pretty much a drop in with plastic snow and a rail at the bottom. just so I can ski in the summer when there is no snow. Skiing brings so much joy into my life because when I have a bad day it can all change once I click in my skies on. The amount of fun I have while skiing is indescribable. The satisfaction of landing a trick or getting the whole challenge rail feels so good. Not to mention the huge adrenal rush you get while landing a scary trick. When I get the chance to learn more and feel the adrenaline of learning a new trick, my passion for growth grows, I can't help but say "yes" to new opportunities.

I try to live out Ryan's Core Values of "Never stop exploring life and Never lose my adventurous spirit" especially when I'm with my Mom and Sister in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) each summer. This summer will be our 10th consecutive year canoeing, portaging, fishing, and camping in the BWCA. I definitely "Work Hard," "Live Simply," and "Look out for my Mom, my Sister, and myself" while being off the grid and experiencing a place like nowhere else in the world. This 10 year tradition has been the foundation of my core values of being positive, never giving up, having confidence, saying yes to opportunities and playing outside.

I believe this scholarship will create opportunities for me to further live my core values through my skiing adventures. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Peterson

**My personal Core Values are:**

**Be positive**

- Try to always be joyful and lift up the others around you.

**Never give up**

- When you are trying something new even though you might fall always get back up and try it again.

**Have confidence**

- Believe in yourself, know you can accomplish anything you put your mind to.

**Say "yes" to opportunities**

- Whenever an opportunity comes take full advantage of it.

**Play outside**

Be adventurous. try new things. have fun. get lost.

**Be helpful**

If you see someone who needs help, help them.

**100%**

If you are going to do something do it a 100 percent. Do it fully. don't look back.