

Flyin Ryan Adventure Scholarship

Maisie Wagner and the Ripping Laddies

Short Biography

My name is Maisie Wagner and I am seventeen years old. I live in Steamboat Springs, Colorado and love adventuring in the outdoors but my passion lies with big mountain skiing. Skiing allows me to push myself out of my comfort zone and try new things. My love for skiing and traveling for IFSA big mountain competitions introduced me to an amazing group of girls from other Colorado ski towns. I, along with Ellie Huff (Winter Park), Lucy Hall (Telluride) and a few other girls, would like to create an all-women ski movie to inspire younger girls into the world of big mountain skiing. I am the only girl on my ski team along with thirteen boys and it is evident the ski world needs more girls. We are all very passionate about skiing and want to show people how skiing and competing has changed our lives.

Personal Essay

I was born in Steamboat and have been skiing all my life but it wasn't until I started Big Mountain that I found my true passion. I have always loved being outside and trying new things. I have been rock climbing and mountain biking since I was very little as well. Anything where I am outside and adventuring will put a smile on my life. My family is also big on camping so I have lots of opportunities to do those things as well as living in the mountains. I am very passionate about anything outdoors and I am always excited for my next adventure. I am so passionate about skiing. When I am skiing I feel a word no words can describe. Skiing has taught me so much as well. I have had to overcome many obstacles such as injuries, constantly changing coaches and doubting myself. It has taught me how to persevere and push through hard times which transfers over to real life lessons. This last year was difficult for me because I lost a lot of confidence in my ability to ski well and do big cliffs due to previous injuries. Not giving up and going back to small jumps to build myself back up was hard but in turn it made my skiing much better and made me stronger. Another reason why I am so passionate about Big Mountain is because it introduced me to girls that share my passion. Ever since I was little, most of the time I was the only girl. There is a 1:4 ratio of girls to boys on my enduro bike time and I am the only girl on my ski team. Going to ski competitions, I found some incredible girls that are crazy good skiers. Now these girls are my close friends and we are determined to find more girls that enjoy our sport and we want to encourage them to join. Our goal is to make an all-women ski movie for IFSA to inspire young athletes to join big mountain skiing. We were inspired by other all-women ski films. This scholarship would go towards funding this film so we can then premiere it all over ski towns.