

Owen Lyster's Personal Essay

I am a very adventurous person who's favorite thing to do in the world is ski. I love to compete in the freeski community just as much as I like to ski regularly. I take competing very seriously trying to make it to Norams every year if I can. I constantly push myself to the fullest and try to be the best skier and athlete I can. I have been competing since I was 8 and have just fallen in love with competing. I have gone on trips out west with my family because of our passion for family. Once I started getting really serious about competing I made it and went to Norams when I was 11 in 2019. This was a great experience for me and I was extremely happy and proud to take 7th. This was my greatest adventure and accomplishment to me because of how happy I was just to compete and be one of the best freeskiers for my age in North America. This is an accomplishment I will never forget because of how much it means to me. I would not be able to do this without the Smugglers Notch freeski club. I am in the club today and have been for many years. My mentors like my dad and Bryan Salatino have made me the person and athlete I am today helping me accomplish my goals. But because of covid my adventurous history has been kind of limited the years after that but still allowing me to compete in the east. I also love to bike race and to play soccer. These other two sports are a big passion for me besides skiing. Another thing I look up to is my core values. My core values and Ryan Hawks core values are very important to me because it reminds me of the right way to live your life and to not get caught up in certain unimportant things. Whenever I am feeling down or stressed out, the core values help me see the meaning in life and what is most important. This is important to help me be the best friend, son and person I can be while having fun. Just having something to live by is extremely important to me. For example, persevere, be confident and never give up is very important to me. My goal is to come top 10 in North America for the freeskiing competitions. My long term goals for skiing is to make it to the junior world tour and the freeride world tour. I will try to achieve this goal by taking the competitions and the sport seriously. I want this adventure scholarship so I can help fund the trip to the national in Snowbird. The National Snowbird is a huge part of my goal to become top 10 in North America. For example with this National I will be able to get enough points if I do well to qualify for Norams which will put me in a great spot to reaching my goal. Going to Snowbird is a huge goal of mine and also so I will be able to compete against different and harder competitors which will test my skill greatly other than the east. I will use this scholarship to help pay for the National in Snowbird. The scholarship will help a lot towards my goal allowing me to go to Snowbird and possibly qualify for the North American Championships which would be an absolute dream of mine. I will train physically and mentally for my season and for the national snowbird. My parents are extremely caring and understanding of my passion and will do anything for me to be able to follow and chase my dreams.