

Dear Flyin' Ryan Hawks Foundation,

It is with great honor that I recommend Landon Paulson for the Flyin' Ryan Adventure Scholarship. Having discussed at length the amazing adventure on which he is soon to embark, and through admiring his dedication to live his dream, there is no one with whom I would recommend more.

Landon Paulson is the kind of man/coach/mentor/co-worker/son/brother who will gladly spend hours hiking and coaching 360's to 10-year-olds, and when they all head to the lift and are not looking, he'll casually send a massive 720 or backflip. He'll crank all day at work, hang around for afterwork jibber-jabber, then casually head to the gym to workout for 2 hours. He will be the first on the lift on a pow day, but would gladly pass it by if a family member, teammate, or friend needed his help.

Landon is a true force of nature. He is equal parts humble, kind, considerate, resilient, patient, intelligent, powerful, talented, and self-driven. And above all else, he is deeply passionate about helping others and creating positive and collaborative experiences in everything he does.

On the soccer field he is a leader by his actions and by his ability to bring his team together to enjoy and master the game. He has scored over 50 goals in his high school career and has captained his crew to the state semi-finals.

Within his family he is a mentor and inspiration to his younger siblings, a motivating best friend to his older brother, and a dedicated and loving son who never complains and works hard around the house day-in and day-out.

As a co-worker at our Japanese food kiosks, Landon is relentlessly eager to help wherever help is needed, treats fellow co-workers and customers with un-rivaled respect and sincerity, and he has an uncanny ability to never look stressed, tired, or perturbed. He is a joy to have on the team, and he has had an instant positive impact on the camaraderie of our crew and the experience of our guests.

And lastly, and how I know Landon best: As a Freeride coach and Ski instructor at Jay Peak, he is the embodiment of all that is playful, precise, and exciting about sliding on snow. He is conscientious enough to keep his students and himself from danger, but wild enough to be the first off any drop, down any chute, and onto any feature. He skis with a skilled, calculated, and reckless abandonment that strives for progress every single day. He pushes himself harder than anyone I know, but never lets his ego and pursuits take him away from creating an incredibly fun atmosphere for his students and putting their goals always in front of his own.

It is an honor to call Landon a close friend and peer, and we are extremely excited to see where he is headed next. In a world where day to day nothing is certain, if granted this scholarship I can whole-heartedly guarantee Landon will pay it forward 10-fold and at the same time he will have the adventure of a lifetime!

Sincerest Regards,

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Flyin Ryan Foundation  
Adventure Scholarship Program

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing this letter to recommend Landon Paulson for the "Flyin Ryan Foundation, Adventure Scholarship Program". I have been Landon's varsity soccer coach throughout his high school career.

In the time I have known Landon, he has demonstrated an incredible level of commitment to improving not only his own level of play but also to helping that of his teammates. He is one of the very few two year captains that I have had in 30 years of coaching varsity boy's soccer.

Landon was selected as a varsity player in his freshman year. In that Covid shortened season he scored 6 goals and established himself as a regular starter. Just before his sophomore season began he suffered a knee injury that sidelined him for the entire season. Throughout that season he stayed positive and connected by attending practices and games while going through a difficult rehab program. He scored 24 goals in both his junior and senior seasons, finishing his career with 54 goals and 36 assists. He was named Mountain League Player of the Year after his senior season, was a two time Vermont All-State Player and has been selected to represent Vermont in the Lion's Cup Twin State Game to be played in July.

Landon also plays soccer for the Vermont Olympic Development Program and Vermont United S.C. He is constantly working to improve his fitness levels and skills, and will often be found working out on his own after games and practice sessions, on our days off, and throughout the off season.

Landon has been a volunteer coach for our off season youth soccer program, Green Mountain Futbol Club for the past 4 years. He is also a successful track athlete for Enosburg Falls High School.

Having coached varsity boys soccer for 30 years, I have had the opportunity to work with many great young men, and Landon is among the best. Landon's character and dedication to become the best athlete and person that he can be is truly inspirational. Landon has set goals for himself and I believe he will be very successful in the future.

Please consider him for this scholarship. Feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Swainbank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Randy Swainbank

Varsity Boys Soccer

Enosburg Falls High School