

Since I could walk I have always been an extremely adventurous soul. My neighbors and I grew up playing outside from 8am till 8pm and our favorite thing to do was build tree houses out of wood we would find in our neighborhood. One of my favorite memories was when we found an abandoned house and we took wood panels that had fallen off the house and found some nails and built a 2 story tree house all on our own. Once quarantine hit my family moved to Tahoe which was 5 hours away from my house and I made it a goal to ski every day of the season. That season I skied about 150 days and skied everyday for 4 months with no break. For the next three summers my Tahoe friends and I joined a camp started by one of my ski coaches where we met every morning at 8am and hiked all around the forests surrounding my ski resort up until 5pm. This camp is one of the highlights of my life. We hiked miles to places that humans had probably barely ever been to. We built our own bridges across rivers and went cliff jumping off waterfalls 15 miles into the wilderness. Once we jumped into a ravine and then realized we were all stuck down there with only a small island to stand on. Together we made a makeshift ladder to make it out.

My passions have always been based on adventure, it's what makes me happy. I feel that Ryan and I have very similar core values and principles. Ryans are an inspiration to me because I feel like they resonate with my life. I also try to be the best friend I can be and I am working on living everyday to the fullest which is something that I have struggled with. I also try to be more selfless which I honestly feel I have been succeeding at. This Christmas I signed up to buy toys for a child in need. I was able to get one of my friends to join me and I spent my last money to buy toys for a kid and I honestly think that it was the most fun I had in a long time. I really want to make this a tradition every year. A big part of my life is my ski team. The community around competitive skiing is incredible and I crave it. I absolutely love my ski team, everyone is everyone's friend and there is so much support in the program. My coaches have helped me so much in my skiing career and all of them are like friends to me. I would definitely not be a skier without them, my coaches are the people who made me want to keep coming back to team season after season.

This scholarship would help me so much as I would use it to go to train with FWT athletes in Chile and I will get to compete in Chile while being coached by these athletes. I would use the scholarship to fund my trip and competition expenses. Unfortunately, my family cannot afford such a big trip like this at the moment due to various other financial commitments. I have set my mind on doing anything and everything I can to be able to go on such a life changing trip. So far I have started a gofundme and already have received some donations. In Chile, I also hope that I can meet my family who lives there. My grandparents met in Farellones which is where I will be going and my family is still living there. I have never been out of North America, so traveling to Chile to ski and meet my family who I have never met before would be incredible.