

Personal Essay:

My name is Jack Guy. I have been skiing at Mad River Glen since I was only two years old, and both the sport of skiing and Mad River hold a special place in my heart.

Since I was very young, my parents have exposed me to as many different activities as possible. As a middle schooler, I was playing football, baseball, lacrosse and basketball. In the summer, I was out on the water either fishing or sailing. All of these sports brought me a lot of joy, however skiing was always number one for me and still is. Fortunately, I am lucky enough to have parents who not only exposed me to skiing but also continue to support my love of this sport both financially and emotionally through their time and effort to get me to the mountains.

Gratitude has played a big role in my experience with the sport of skiing. My appreciation for Mad River Glen, the cooperative that runs the mountain, and the employees and volunteers who have kept Mad River unique is at the top of the list. I am grateful to those who have skied Mad River before me that they had the sense to keep the mountain a fun and natural playground for myself, my friends and all others. I am also super fortunate that the free ski team is the amazing team that it is. Not only is it one of the most competitive teams in the sport, but also a tight knit community allowing me and others to pursue our dreams and become the skiers we want to be. I am also grateful for the coaches; they are so supportive and truly love helping athletes have success. Without the dedication and commitment from the coaches, I would not be the skier or the person that I am today.

I am not currently sponsored, so this scholarship would help fund my equipment, gear, and travel, and alleviate the financial burden from my parents. Since I will soon turn 18, as a legal adult, this support could help me to take over my own finances. In addition, It will help fund my trip to the Junior World Championships in Austria this coming January. Thank you for considering me for this special scholarship in honor of Ryan Hawks.