

## **Biography**

My name is August Enos I am a 15 year old snowboarder from Vermont and I attend Carrabassett Valley Academy. Since the age of two I have been on the mountain, I love the mountains. They are my happy place. When I was 8 years old I did my first snowboard competition with Green Mountain Academy, and I fell in love with snowboard competitions. I have tried just about every event. Although it scares me to death sometimes boardercross is my favorite event. I also enjoy biking, hiking, soccer, campfires, baking and hanging out with friends.

## **Essay**

I am a snowboarder at Carrabassett Valley Academy in Maine. This winter was my first year there and it was the best! Previously I went to Lamoille Union High School and trained with Green Mountain Academy in Vermont for 6 amazing years but since it was hard for them to get any boardercross training we started looking into other teams with more opportunities and discovered Carrabassett Valley Academy (CVA) which has been known to have a really good course and coaching. Then this winter I was given the amazing chance to be a boarding student there. When I got there I fell in love with the community especially. Everyone is so helpful and caring. It's nice because we all share a common goal even if we don't follow the same discipline. That common goal is to succeed in our sport while having as much fun as possible, and of course staying on top of our college prep academics. It also means the world to me that I get to go and train with my amazing teammates and coaches every day. They are very encouraging and push me to do things that I might be a little scared to do but they know I can, which is awesome because after I do that thing they are always proud of me and that makes me feel good. While I was at CVA this winter I was given the "Community Member of the Month Award" and was accepted into the peer mentors program for next year.

If I was awarded the "Flyin Ryan Scholarship" it would mean so much to me. The money would go towards my competitions next year as I will hopefully be attending more FIS/NORAM races. The FIS/NORAM races are how you earn points for the snowboard Junior World Championship and the US Snowboard Team. Those get pretty pricey and my family doesn't have that much money especially now that they are paying for boarding school. My parents also support me at as many races as they can as they are both extremely encouraging of my dreams and passion to succeed. They have also both taken turns volunteering at different events during Snowboard Nationals week in Colorado and my Dad was a ski instructor for many years. I also started working last summer to help with the costs of competitions and training.

One of my Favorite concepts of Ryan's core principals is "Live Simply". I try to apply that in my daily life. When I have a lot of homework and start to feel overwhelmed I take a deep breath and organize it all and give myself a plan because to me that's simple. Then when I am on the boardercross course and I am overthinking a pass, big jump or feature I take a deep breath and say "that's simple you wouldn't be here if you couldn't do it, so just do it". When I think of "Live Simply" It also kinda reminds of don't over think which I constantly need reminders to not do. I also like "Work Hard" because in order to do hard things you need to work hard to accomplish those things.

Although I'm only 15 years old I have been introduced to many activities, hobbies and sports. Snowboarding is truly my passion and I'm going to do everything in my power to be happy and successful doing what I love.