

Short Biography for page:

My name is Lynsey Nagle, I am 16 years old from Waitsfield Vermont. I am a competitive big mountain skier out of Mad River Glen. I have been skiing since I was 2 years old. Skiing is my passion. Through skiing I have made my best friends, challenged myself, and loved every second of it. I also enjoy hiking, biking, playing softball, watching the sun set and rise, working out, and spending time with loved ones. I will be using my scholarship award to help fund my trip to the Junior World championship in Kappl Austria this January. I'm very excited to represent Vermont and the US during this experience of a lifetime.

Personal essay:

Hi my name is Lynsey Nagle, I am 16 years old. I am a competitive big mountain skier. I am apart of the Mad River Glen Freeski team, this team has seen me grow and become who I am today, my coaches have taught me not only how to ski but how to be a good person, I have made my best friends from this team and I love everyone of them and wouldn't trade it for the world. In the 2023 ski season I did many competitions and ended up qualifying for the junior world championship that would be held in Kappl Austria in January 2024. I went on this trip and I ended up falling on my run. I took this not as a failure but as a learning experience and growing point. This motivated me to work even harder for the 2024 ski season. I competed in many competitions again and I did very well and requalified to go back to Kappl in January 2025. I am very excited to have had the honor to go once and now the honor to return. I have been working all summer long, I've been in the gym and cross training in many ways to prepare myself. Austria is such a gorgeous place and I feel so blessed to be able to experience it in my lifetime.

In my life, I've looked up to many people, but my biggest role model has always been my brother Ryan. He's taught me perseverance and strength through his journey as a competitive slopestyle skier. About 3-4 years ago, when Ryan was just 15, he overshot a park jump by 100 feet while skiing across the country with his team. He suffered a compound fracture of his tibia and fibula and had to undergo surgery that night to have a metal rod put in his leg. Despite the fear and pain, Ryan worked incredibly hard to get back on skis, showing me what it means to be strong even in tough times. Not long after returning to skiing, Ryan had another accident and rebroke the same leg. It was devastating for our family, but he refused to give up. He pushed through rehabilitation and got back on snow once again. I remember during my North American championship, he encouraged me to try a cliff jump I was hesitant about. To prove me wrong, he did the jump himself but fell and re-broke his leg. Even then, he remained calm, teaching me to stay strong and positive no matter what. Ryan returned to skiing and continued competing. Unfortunately, he had another setback when he broke his collarbone. But again, he didn't let it stop him and was back before the season ended. Now, after graduating high school, he's taking a gap year to pursue his dream of joining the U.S. Ski Team before heading to college. Ryan has taught me so much about resilience and determination, and I will forever cherish the lessons I've learned from him. He truly is my biggest role model.

Ryan hawks core principles have been a part of shaping how I view life and what approach I take to every day. I have been making it a point for me to appreciate the nature and life around me and explore the earth as much as I can. I have also struggled with a few friendships in the past where I have not felt loved or appreciated and so I make it my mission in friendships to be the best friend I can be and lift those around me up, and never push them down. Hard work has also been one of the most important values to me, I have pushed myself to train and better myself in many ways, in the gym, on a trampoline, on a airbag, hiking, biking, playing, swimming, cliff jumping, and working on my mentality has been a big part as well, overall i have improved many aspects of who I am and what I live by. All of the core values play a big role in my life and I engage them all in many different ways and I appreciate what they have done for me. I wish to live life to the fullest with no regrets.

As I said earlier, I am a competitive big mountain skier and I have worked very hard over many seasons to qualify for the junior world championship in Kappl Austria. I went last year and fell during my run. I used this as motivation and worked even harder to re-qualify, and I did the 2024 ski season. I have officially been invited back to the World championship which will be in January 2025, I am very excited for this second chance to land my run and be stoked in general. I have been working all summer long, I've been in the gym and cross training in many ways to prepare myself. Although I've been working and saving up all summer, the trip is expensive and the Scholarship grant would go towards my airfare for the trip. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the adventure scholarship program. Thank you for your time and consideration.