

Ceili Grey

Essay For Flyin' Ryan Adventure Scholarship

My name is Ceili Grey and I am twelve years old. For the past four years I have been on the Smugglers Notch Alpine race team. At the end of last season my current coach Ashley told me about the freeski team and that I might really enjoy it. I entered a Friendly Competition last year and I fell in love with the team and the sport of Freeskiing.

When I signed up one of my goals was to make new friends, and I have made a lot of friends on my team and I have even made friends with competitors on other teams. I didn't know that I would make so many friends when I joined the Freeski team. Another goal I had was to learn how to do a 360 this year, and I am really close to doing one.

Ryan's love for adventure, people and skiing sounds a lot like myself. I love new challenges and spending time with friends and family. Keeping a positive attitude is very important to me.

I want the Adventurer Scholarship so I can go to Kirkwood, California to compete in the Junior Freeride Championships and to cheer on my teammates. I would love to be able to represent Vermont and North America in the competition in California this year since it's my first year ever competing. I learned about the Flyin Ryan Hawks scholarship program after I was honored as a Flyin' Ryan Award Recipient during the Smuggler's Notch IFSA Junior 2* competition in February of this year.

If I receive a scholarship I will use the money to help pay for all of the travel costs from Vermont to California for the Junior Freeride Championships.