April 25, 2024

Dear Fellow FRF Board Members,

I would like to act as a reference and advocate for Smugglers' Notch Freeski Team athlete Myriam Girroir to support her Adventure Scholarship application. Myriam has been a member of the SNSC Freeski Team for several years and this winter I was her coach. I can vouch for Myriam's solid character, good values, and strong decision making, and she is really fun to ski with! She is one of the hardest working athletes on my team and it shows in her skiing and competition results. But that is only a small part of the picture. Myriam is one of the most coachable athletes that I have worked with, she is respectful and supportive of her teammates, and she always makes sure to socialize and ride the lift with the athletes who are less popular or less accomplished skiers. This year Myriam qualified to participate in the IFSA Junior Freeride Championships at Breckenridge, CO in April but was unable to attend. I do not hesitate to support Myriam's request for financial assistance to support her journey to attend the IFSA Junior Freeride Championships this time next year to compete against the top junior athletes in North and South America. I know that this opportunity will accelerate her growth as an athlete and in her personal journey.

Sincerely, Bryan Salatino

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