

Personal Bio

My name is Seamus O'Neill, I am 17 years old and live in Moretown Vermont. I love skiing and I'm so thankful for it to be my life. I grew up always on the mountain doing whatever there was to offer. I started skiing at the age of 2 and joined the Mad River Glen Ski Program. I worked my way up as the years went on and I'm so happy to have done so. From best friends, to amazing coaches, skiing at MRG has become the biggest staple in my life. When I'm not skiing I'm either working out, biking, hiking, swimming, or in the classroom. I will be attending the Junior Freeride World Championships in Kappl Austria in the 2026 ski season and I'm so excited to not only represent America, but also Mad River Glen, the East Coast, and Flyin Ryan.

Essay

Hello, my name is Seamus O'Neill, I'm from Moretown Vermont, and I love competing in freeride skiing. I started competing on the East Coast just 2 years ago and I couldn't have been more happy. Joining this community, and lifestyle has completely changed my life in nothing but positive ways with new friends, new skills, and new opportunities. There's nothing I love more than freeride skiing. My goals for the near future are to compete competitively for the Freeride World Tour and to be the best person I can be. I think that being a good person is just as impressive and important as it is to be a great skier. Recently, this past year I focused on two main things, doing the best I can in all my comps, and being the best person I could be. I did find some success in my regular seasons competitions placing first overall in the u19 ski men's category in North and South America. Along with that, I was granted the Flyin Ryan Hawks award out in Kirkwood California during the Junior Freeride Championships. This was the most meaningful award I could ever imagine to receive, especially in Kirkwood. I would like this Adventure scholarship to represent the East Coast out in Kappl Austria in the 2026 season. From my ranking this past season, I was able to qualify for the Junior Freeride World Championships. I will be competing against the top 20 junior mens skiers in the world and wouldn't want anything more than to do this with the thought of skiing for Ryan and everything he lived for. The grant would be used to fund the trip and get to experience the Austrian Alps and all it has to offer! Finally, Ryans core values mean a lot to me, especially looking out for others. This value is so important whether you're helping someone with a new trick, or being there for a friend who needs advice. Living through Ryans core values is an awesome way to go through life and I urge everyone to do so.