

Dear Flyin Ryan Foundation

It is with great enthusiasm that I write in support of Sawyer Popovitch's application. I've had the pleasure of coaching Sawyer in mountain biking, and I've also had the opportunity to ski with her over the past winter. Although this is more focused on her skiing and I am her mountain bike coach, it's hard for me to put into words this young woman's influence.

As a mountain biker, Sawyer is incredibly talented, calculated, and driven. Each session, she shows up with an open mind and is determined to navigate and conquer new trails and features. Her determination to learn and improve is obvious. More importantly, Sawyer is a generous and supportive teammate. She consistently takes the time to slow down, session features, and encourage others to succeed. Her leadership on the trail is quiet but powerful and elevates the riders around her.

I've also had the chance to ski with Sawyer, and while I can barely keep up with her, the experience is inspiring. Her love for skiing runs deep. It's evident not only in her skill and technical precision but also in her commitment to pushing herself and exploring what's possible.

I had the opportunity to ski some laps with Sawyer before her Freeride competition at Red Mountain Resort. You can see the joy and fun she has skiing. She even took the time to tow me off some drops, big ones for me, small for her! Watching her switch into competition mode and drop into her run with such poise is commendable. I am inspired by her quiet approach and the way she uses sport to speak loud.

Sawyer is a phenomenal athlete with a determination that has already taken her well beyond her home of Kimberley, BC. She is dedicated, passionate, and a great ambassador for her sport. She will continue to push her skiing, biking, and other endeavors while lifting others up with her.

Sawyer exemplifies the spirit of the Flyin Ryan Foundation. This young woman has big dreams and with her character, the ability to see them through. Thank you for considering her for this award.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

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