

To the Flyin Ryan Adventure Scholarship Committee,

I'm writing to the Committee to whole heartedly recommend **Imogen Schaberg** for the Flyin Ryan Adventure scholarship program. As a 14-year-old freeride skier, Imogen has already shown the kind of commitment, attitude, and love for the mountains that you rarely see. Her dedication to her sport is evident every time she sets out on the mountain. Imogen approaches every day regardless of weather and conditions with the commitment to having fun and improving her abilities.

Imogen is out on the hill every single day. I actually do not know anyone who spends more time out skiing than her, other than her two younger sisters, whom she is a great role model and mentor to. Most skiers familiar with the east coast are aware of the harsh and sometimes less than ideal conditions that we ski here. Oftentimes when out on a training day, Imogen is the only athlete who is committed to staying out as long as possible and I honestly believe she might not even get cold. At the end of our training days, Imogen is one of the few athletes that will go back out and ski till they turn the lifts off. If they didn't shut down, I doubt she'd ever leave.

What sets Imogen apart is not just her consistency, but her mindset. She's grounded, coachable, and incredibly focused, while still having fun and lifting up the energy of everyone around her. In my many years of freeride ski coaching I have not worked with an athlete who is as passionate to just be out skiing as much and as often as possible.

Freeride skiing requires more than just physical skill—it takes mental toughness, creativity, and the ability to perform under pressure. Imogen has all of that, and more. She's not afraid to take on challenges, learns quickly from every experience, and shows real potential as a future leader in the sport. As a Freeride team with mostly male athletes, Imogen is the one female in a large group of young male athletes that I coach on a weekly basis. She has stepped up to that challenge and it has made her a stronger skier for it. She has the skills and mindset to not just ski with them but to push many of them on a daily basis.

As Freeride skiing has become an ever increasingly expensive sport a scholarship would be a meaningful step in helping continue her journey, and I have no doubt she would make the most of the opportunity. She's the kind of athlete who not only benefits from support—but truly earns it. Imogen along with her two younger sisters have made a mission to help the community they live in and make it a better place, making her more than deserving of the support this scholarship would provide.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need any further information. I highly recommend Imogen and believe she would be an outstanding ambassador for your program.

Sincerely,

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