

Hi, I'm Lola Earle. I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade. I have been skiing since I was about 1 and have loved it for as long as I can remember! My love for skiing started when I first learned to ski on mountains like Mt. Bachelor and Jackson Hole. When I am on the mountain, the world gets easy. All the stuff goes away, and all that matters is the feel of the snow, the cold air, and the next cliff or turn. Skiing is the place where I feel strongest, clearest, and most happy. I am writing to ask for your help to begin my competitive journey in a sport that is a HUGE part of my life, at CVA. Pushing my limits, and grit, aren't just words to me; they are what I do to learn every day. For as long as I can remember, I've had to work harder than my friends just to keep up. School doesn't come easily. It takes extra time and hard work. My family has also had to move a lot and change schools for me, which means I've been the "new kid" more times than I can count. It's been hard, but these experiences have taught me how to be outgoing, how to find friends, and how to jump into new things. I'm proud that despite these things, I am a straight A student. I've other things too, like sailing, swimming, tennis, and squash, and I even gotten lead role in school musicals cause I love to sing. My hard work in the classroom and on the stage has shown me that I am not the hard things in my life, but by how I face them. These last few years, my family has been faced with the hardest I've seen. My mom has a health problem. This has been stressful and scary for all of us, and it has also changed how we live, we're basically poor now. My parents have always been my biggest supporters, but this has completely changed our skiing travel and fun. The news that I might not be able to start my ski racing this year was hard. Skiing has become my most important thing other than family and friends. So much in my life feels hard, skiing is where I can out that energy. The challenge from changing schools is the same I'll use to get up after a fall. Skiing is where I have always pushed my limits, and I am desperate to put into CVA. Thank you for your time and for hearing my story.