

Merit Scholarship Program

The mission of the Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club is:

To inspire and develop student-athletes through innovative and accessible ski and snowboard programs that provide opportunities to pursue personal excellence in snow sports and life.

In keeping with this mission the Merit Scholarship Program is established to provide financial assistance to current JHSC student-athletes who have reached high levels of achievement in sport and life.

Criteria for Merit Scholarships

1. U16 or older student-athletes or equivalent based on sport
2. Athletic Merit in competitive skiing or snowboarding (points, results, strength of competition schedule, invitations to special projects, placement on regional or national teams, etc.) *criteria guidelines may vary by sport*
3. Athlete's commitment to his/her sport and personal development (including academics)
4. Athlete's ability to represent the mission of the JHSC
5. Athlete's ability to adhere to established student-athlete codes of conduct and JHSC core values

Merit Criteria for Funding (lowest to highest)

- Invitation to high performance non-commercial camp/project
- Placement on a regional project/team
- Competing in U.S. Junior Nationals or USASA Nationals
- Competing in U.S. Nationals (in Nordic participation must be approved by Program Director)
- Placement onto a NCAA Division I Ski Team
- NorAm Level Competition
- IFSA World Championships and/or Rev Tour or equivalent
- U.S. National Team selection, camps or projects

Application and Distribution Process

The application deadline for merit-based scholarships is annually the Friday after spring break. Merit scholarship applications are assessed based on the level of merit represented, the criteria above, and coach recommendations. Applicants will be notified of merit scholarship decisions within 30 days.





Successful applicants will be named an official JHSC Merit Scholar, and JHSC will make scholarship distributions as described in the Merit Scholarship contract. All distributions to merit scholars will be credited to the athlete's JHSC account and not to third parties.

Merit Scholarship Application

Applicant for Merit Scholarship must submit to bkrill@jhskiclub.org:

- 1) A **letter of application** [500 words or less] explaining:
 - a) Your current accomplishments and your long-term goals
 - b) Your commitment as a student-athlete
 - c) Your commitment to the JHSC mission and values providing specific examples
 - d) A specific amount of merit scholarship requested
- 2) A budget representing your current expenses and obligations to continue pursuing your goals, and how you would intend to use Merit Scholarship Funds. *Keep in mind that funds may be granted in recognition of an external expense or opportunity, but distributions to merit scholars will be credited to the athlete's JHSC account and not to third parties.*

Merit Scholar Responsibilities

Clear commitments and responsibilities to JHSC in relation to any Merit Scholarship will be clearly defined in the "Merit Scholarship Contract." If the Merit Scholar breaches his/her contract with JHSC, JHSC retains the right to withhold any restricted funds allocated to that individual and redirect those funds as it sees fit for the best benefit of the organization and its mission.

Giving to the Betty Woolsey Merit Scholarship Endowment

JHSC may accept gifts from donors if so directed by the donor to support Merit Scholars. 90% of these gifts will fund the Betty Woolsey Scholarship Endowment for future merit-based support, and 10% of these funds will be distributed to current Merit Scholars as described in the Merit Scholarship contract. Gifts to the Merit Scholarship program will be recognized as fully tax-deductible donations to JHSC - a 501(c)(3) organization.

