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The Spokane Ski Racing Association is the competition program of the Mount Spokane Alpine Team, an IRC Section 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

# THE FITZGERALD-JENSEN-PECK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The FitzGerald-Jensen-Peck Scholarship Fund serves to provide scholarships to deserving SSRA member competitors and is equal opportunity-based. The purpose is to enhance the inclusive nature of SSRA programs that encourage the pursuit of excellence in winter snow sports; and in the lives of the young people of the greater Spokane area. Three Scholarships are awarded annually. A fourth (Dix) scholarship is awarded if, and only if, the first three are awarded and addition monies are accessible.

**The Jensen Scholarship:** For Youth Ski League and Full-Time YSL competitors **The Peck Scholarship:** For Alpine Team Development competitors **The FitzGerald Scholarship:** For U16, U18, and U21 Alpine Team competitors **The Dix Scholarship:** For U16-U21 Alpine Team race travel Awards *up to* 50% of the annual tuition costs of an applicant's program may be awarded.

#### **General Procedures**

**Applications must be sent to:** SSRA Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 678

Spokane, WA 99210

<u>Deadline:</u> <u>Applications must be postmarked by September 25th, 2015.</u> <u>Notification of awards begins September 30th, 2015.</u>

Award process: Awards are paid directly to SSRA by the FJP scholarship fund.

<u>Payment for remainder of tuition</u>: Full tuition, minus scholarship awards, is due as follows:

FIS Alpine Team/U16 Alpine Team	10/1/15
Alpine Team Development (DEVO)	10/15/15
Youth Ski League, Full-Time YSL	12/5/14

### **Eligibility:**

- 1. Current member of SSRA.
- 2. Demonstrated commitment to academic excellence
- 3. Athlete must display an exemplary attitude and adhere to applicable codes of conduct.
- 4. Athlete must have outstanding past participation (attendance)

### Applicants will be evaluated on:

- 1. Financial need
- 2. Academics
- 3. Personal letter and letter(s) of recommendation
- 4. Goals, desire and past attendance
- 5. Healthy lifestyle
- 6. Past achievements

#### **Requirements:**

- 1. Applications must be complete and submitted prior to the deadline.
- 2. A letter from the applicant (or, if under age 13, by the applicant's parent or quardian) detailing the athlete's past achievements, desire and goals.
- 3. A letter of recommendation from an SSRA coach.
- 4. A copy of the applicant's report card for the most recently completed academic period, letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or principal of the athlete's school, or other evidence that the applicant is maintaining a level of excellence at school.
- 5. A copy of the IRS Form 1040, Form 1040 EZ, or Form 1040X (w/o schedules) for the most recent year for the applicant's parents or guardians.

### **Expectations of recipients:**

- 1. Athlete recipients are expected to be committed to the sport of ski racing, and to SSRA, for the foreseeable future.
- 2. Athletes who apply should be prepared to live up to the highest standards of the SSRA code of conduct. In other words, scholarship athletes should be leaders within SSRA in attitude, work ethic, and general behavior.
- 3. Athletes who receive awards will write thank you notes to the FJP scholarship committee at the conclusion of the race season with a brief summary of their season, as well as their goals for the future.

# **Expectations of recipient families:**

It is expected that the families of athletes who receive FJP scholarships will be committed to volunteering. This includes participation in fundraising committees and race committees, on a regular basis, is needed. Thank you, in advance, for reciprocating the goodwill extended to our deserving athletes.

**Awards**: No SSRA BOD member, coach, member or officer may promise that an award will be made and no one should rely upon any suggestion, good faith assurance, or promise that an applicant "should receive" an award or a grant until officially notified by

the FitzGerald-Jensen-Peck Scholarship Committee. The committee will evaluate complete scholarship applications and assess if an award has been substantiated. Inevitably, awards or grants will be made by the FitzGerald-Jensen-Peck Scholarship Committee which others consider to be unwarranted, while seemingly meritorious applications might be rejected by the FitzGerald-Jensen-Peck Scholarship Committee.

**Confidentiality:** Information submitted, as well as, the identities of applicants, will remain strictly confidential. No member of the Fitzgerald-Jensen-Peck Scholarship Committee may share documents, or verbal information related to applications with individuals outside of the Committee, with the exception of the SSRA registrar.

To protect the confidentiality of the scholarship applicants and the objective task bestowed to the scholarship committee, under no circumstances will the scholarship committee disclose or discuss the reasons for acceptance or rejection of any scholarship application with those not part of the Scholarship Committee.

**Finality:** The determinations of the FitzGerald-Jensen-Peck Scholarship Committee will be final.

## **Committee Composition:**

Gerry FitzGerald, Tammy Jensen, Gary Peck, SSRA President, SSRA Executive Director. These members will revue and vote on requests received. In the event that any member is unable to continue participating in committee endeavors, that member may appoint a replacement who must be confirmed by existing committee majority.

#### **Impartiality:**

Family members or those who may lack the ability to serve as an impartial member of the Scholarship Committee may be asked to remove themselves from the discussion of a given scholarship application by the President of SSRA