

BRIAN RUSSELL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The mission of the Brian Russell Foundation is to promote and inspire the love of junior ski racing and provide financial support to developing junior ski racers.

The Brian Russell Foundation will award cash scholarships for the 2025-2026 ski season. The scholarships will be awarded at the Brian Russell Costume Race.

Basic Requirements:

1. Athletes age 14 to 18 (before December 31, 2025).
2. Participate in year-round training.
3. Minimum 3.0 GPA in school, or better.
4. Be a positive role model.
5. Be committed to remain drug and alcohol free.
6. Prior year (2024-2025) scholarship winners are not eligible to apply.

Other Requirements:

1. Membership in one of the alpine programs in Alaska.
2. Completion of application form.
3. A 300-word essay covering: why you deserve this scholarship, how you are a positive role model, and current season goals.
4. Recent school transcript (not a report card or printed off the computer) with GPA of 3.0 or better. (A transcript is requested from your school counselor; it does not need to be a sealed transcript)
5. Outline of year-round athletic endeavors.
6. Letter of recommendation from coach, teacher, pastor, or another adult who is not your parent.

NEW Procedures for 2025/26 Season:

1. Complete the Athlete Application form located on the [Alaska Division](#) website and attach all requested information.
2. Ask your coach, teacher, pastor or another adult who is not your parent to complete the Letter of Recommendation form located on the [Alaska Division](#) website and attach all requested information.
3. All forms and attachments must be completed by **January 20, 2026.**

For questions, please email: donna.l.russell@outlook.com

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Instructions for Letters of Recommendation

The mission of the Brian Russell Foundation is to promote and inspire the love of junior ski racing and provide financial support to developing junior ski racers. The basic requirements of the scholarship fund are for the applicant to be 14 to 18 years of age, to participate in year-round training, have a minimum 3.0 GPA in school, be a positive role model, and be committed to remain drug and alcohol free.

For the Writer of the Letter of Recommendation, please cover one or more of the following criteria.

Does this athlete or student:

- Have a proficiency in sports, a range of athletic skills, and commitment to athletics.
- Have realistic goals.
- Have good sportsmanship: team play, cooperation, and selflessness are foremost.
- In good standing with his or her school.
- Have future education goals.
- Is organized and responsible.
- Have good character and is an asset to the community.
- Have other traits that we may be interested in.