

Cataloochee Ski Area Race Scholarship Essay Contest

Deadline: Thursday, December 17th, 2015 by 5:00pm

Finalists will be contacted via Phone to set up an in-person Interview on or before December 20th at 7:00pm. Interview must take place before December 24th. Winners and their Coaches will be notified on December 24th before 7:00pm and also be recognized on the Cataloochee Website/Facebook page.

What to include in Submission Envelope:

Mail (or hand in to Information Desk):

Cataloochee Ski Area

Attn: Race Administration

1080 Ski Lodge Rd

Maggie Valley, NC 28751

All submissions should be sent (or turned in) in a Large Mailing Envelope, and include these three documents:

*300 Word, Single Spaced, Typed essay by the racer. Write an inspiring essay on any one of the topics provided. Be yourself, and make us believe you deserve a scholarship based on your passion for the sport.

Racer's name or any personal information that would identify them (to Cataloochee staff/Race Crew) should NOT be included in or on the essay.

*Letter of Recommendation from Coach (if not presently on a team, then letter from your school's principal or administrative staff member). If Head Coach is a parent to the student, then letter should be written by an Assistant Coach.

As little mention of student's name in the actual letter is preferred. Please only put Coach and School information at the end of recommendation.

*3x5 index card with Racer's Full Name, Phone Number, Age, School, Coach's Name, and Phone Number.

We will have a select group of Race Crew Members and Cataloochee Staff judge the essays so the essay and recommendation letter should be as anonymous as possible.

Envelopes will be kept in a secure location and remain unopened until after the deadline. A Cataloochee Employee (who will not be on the judging panel) will then open all envelopes, black out any mention of Racer's name, school, and anything else identifying to the school/racer, in the Coach's letter. The Employee will then staple the essay and letter together and number them (adding the same identification number to the corresponding index card) so that they can be matched up after the winners are selected. Then the index cards will be placed in a sealed envelope until completion of judging.

After the finalists have been determined and contacted, they will be required to attend a personal interview with the judges to make the ultimate determination. While we would prefer this interview to be face-to-face, we do understand that this is a very busy time of year for everyone. Other arrangements to complete the personal interview portion can be discussed on an individual basis if necessary.

All submissions that are entered into the contest correctly, will be read and considered with the winners to be selected after the personal interview portion, and notified on or before December 24th, at 7:00pm. If the essay packet is incomplete in any aspect, or if the student's name and/or identifying information appears in the essay, the submission will automatically be rejected.

Once submitted, essays become property of Cataloochee Ski Area and may be displayed (in full or in part), in any building on the property, on the Website/Facebook page, and can be quoted for news publications.

Topics

Please select one of the following topics to write a typed, 300 word, single spaced essay. Please identify at the top of the page, which topic you choose.

1. Why you? What makes you deserve a scholarship more than the next racer? What are your personal skiing/riding and racing goals for the season? What motivates you to be a better racer?
2. Tell us about your very first experience on a race course at Cataloochee Ski Area. Give details and make us feel like we were there experiencing it with you. What was the outcome of your first race? What was the most memorable part? How have you improved since then?