

Richard A. Sachs Jr. Youth Racing Grant

Heiliger Huegel Foundation for Outdoor Education, Inc.

The Sachs family and the Heiliger Huegel Foundation for Outdoor Education, Inc. (the "Foundation") are pleased to announce the availability of The Richard A. Sachs Jr. Youth Racing Grant. The Richard A. Sachs Jr. Youth Racing Grant is available to eligible middle and high school age students who have a demonstrated interest in advancing their skills and knowledge of ski racing. This grant is named for Richard "Dick" Sachs, a former Heiliger Huegel and Nicolet High School ski coach, and past president of Heiliger Huegel Youth Racing and Wisconsin Junior Racing, now MWAR.

Dick was an avid skier from an early age and travelled regularly with his family as a young man to ski in Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. His passion for skiing took him to Utah where he spent a year as a "ski bum" between college and law school, working at the base of Alta and skiing regularly. Dick's love of skiing shifted to ski racing when his three young daughters started learning to ski. He enrolled them in the Heiliger Huegel Youth race program in the early 1990's and quickly began volunteering to help with races, support coaches, track times and gatekeep. Eventually he decided to coach and was certified and coached at Nicolet High School and with Holy Hill. He spent countless hours driving to races, setting courses, encouraging young racers, and fostering a passion in his racers for the challenge and fun of skiing.

Dick also worked for over 40 years as a public defender and criminal defense attorney and had a deep belief in fairness and an abiding desire to dismantle systems that lead to inequality in society. He encouraged those around him to take on these responsibilities and to look for ways to promote fairness and equity in the world around them. The Richard A. Sachs Jr. Youth Racing Grant seeks to unite these passions by offering grant funds to young people who want to become better skiers or try ski racing for the first time. Ski racing is an expensive sport that requires time, extensive travel, and gear. These factors create barriers to access. This grant is aimed at providing opportunities for young skiers who may demonstrate financial hardship, lack of access to ski racing opportunities, and the desire to deepen their involvement in skiing. The awarded grant funds are to be used to arrange for gear, transportation, race fees, memberships with clubs to train, and other opportunities that would allow a skier who desires it to gain a foothold in the world of ski racing.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

Who May Apply:

Youth athletes, ages 7 to 19 (or high school graduation, whichever comes first) living in Southeast Wisconsin are encouraged to apply. Parental consent is required.

Commitment Criteria:

Competitive alpine skiing takes an extraordinary commitment. As a result, both the Applicant and his or her parent or legal guardian must sign the Commitment Statement in order to be considered for a grant.

Number, Value and Duration of Awards:

The number and amount of awards may vary annually. Awards will be presented three (3) times per year, in the amount of roughly \$1000 per grant cycle. Recipients may re-apply multiple times but must describe how they have used the funds previously awarded to them in subsequent applications. Awards are not automatically renewable. Grants will not exceed the cost of the alpine racing program in which the applicant is participating.

Payment:

The award is payable to the applicant or applicant's family.

Application Deadlines, Award Determination Dates, Examples of Types of Activities

Application Deadline	Award Determination Details and Examples <i>Applications will be reviewed within 1-2 weeks of deadline and applicants will be notified of the status of their application shortly thereafter.</i>
September 15th	Examples of the activities that might be funded at this deadline are: Club/team membership fees, training camp fees, purchase or maintenance of gear.
December 1st	Examples of the activities that might be funded at this deadline: Travel costs for race season including hotels, transportation, race registrations. The purchase of gear, club/team membership fees, training camp fees.
February 1st	This deadline will be dedicated to funding late-season costs incurred by racers who may qualify for state championships, national championships, other qualifying events, junior olympics, etc. Applications can be submitted before a racer qualifies to attend this type of event (in anticipation of the upcoming costs) but applicants must provide evidence in email follow up that they have qualified in order for funds to be disbursed.

AWARD DETERMINATION

Awards are determined solely and confidentially by The Richard A. Sachs Jr. Youth Racing Grant Committee. The applicant's financial need, interest and commitment to their ski program will be considered. Each applicant will receive an individual communication informing him/her of the status of his/her application. Awards will be given three times per year:

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Additional application forms and information are available from Sachs Memorial Grant, 717 Cherry Street Denver CO 80220 and the website: <https://www.sachs racinggrant.com/>

All forms must be fully completed and submitted to the Sachs Memorial Grant, 717 Cherry Street Denver CO 80220 or to sachs racinggrant@gmail.com. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but will be reviewed and awarded at the three points during the year identified in the table on the previous page. In addition to the completed Application Form, each applicant must include the following documents in order to be considered for a grant:

- A commitment statement signed by the athlete & his/her parent/guardian.
- A copy of transcript or report card from the previous year showing a minimum of a 2.0 GPA
- Head Coach or instructor recommendation form (see instructions on the form).

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Athlete Application

Athlete's First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

ST:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Alt Phone:

Email:

School:

Grade:

In addition to this Application Form, please submit (a) a copy of current school transcript or most recent report card; and (b) a Recommendation Form including the name and contact information of the coach, instructor or educator that you are asking to provide a recommendation. The applicant should complete Section A of the Recommendation Form only. The applicant should provide the Recommendation Form to the Head Coach or instructor of their choosing with instructions regarding completion of Section B.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Please use the space below to tell the selection committee about your interest, motivation, and goals for the ski season and beyond.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Being a part of a premiere comprehensive ski-racing program demands a high level of commitment. Meeting those demands requires balance, responsibility, and discipline in all areas of life. To that end, the applicant, with parent/ guardian support, agrees to make every effort to:

- Maintain high levels of attendance and participation while training, at competitions.
- Maintain high levels of attendance at school, along with good academic standing, and involvement in community and/or co-curricular activities.
- Set goals and make the commitments to achieve them
- Work productively with others; embrace teamwork
- Exhibit a sense of independence and ability to make choices and live with the ramifications
- Utilize good time management skills

Parent/Guardian Name

Athlete Name

Parent/Guardian signature

Athlete/Applicant signature

Date

Date

Please complete the form, print, sign & return with the above-mentioned supplemental materials to: Sachs Memorial Grant, 717 Cherry Street Denver CO 80220 or email: sachsracinggrant@gmail.com

All questions should be directed to Kathryn Weismiller (kathryn.weismiller@gmail.com).

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Coach/Instructor/Educator Recommendation Form

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Awards are based on the athlete's financial need and commitment and interest in the program. In order to quantify a grant applicant's "commitment to and interest in the sport of competitive skiing", The Richard A. Sachs Jr. Youth Racing Grant Committee requests recommendations from the applicant's coach, ski instructors, or other educators that have direct experience with the applicant that enables him or her to share observations on the applicant's skill level, attitude toward the sport and (when available) past season(s) performance.

Applicants who are interested in consideration for The Richard A. Sachs Jr. Youth Racing Grant should complete Section A below and submit it, along with their Application, and Statement of Commitment, to the Foundation. The Foundation will forward this form to the appropriate coach or other reference for completion of Section B.

SECTION A – To be completed by applicant

Applicant Name	Applicant Age	Years Skiing
_____	_____	_____

Applicant's intended skiing or racing participation for this season (e.g. high school racing, local club racing (MWAR), US Ski and Snowboard/FIS)

Applicant's grant request amount: _____

Applicant's intended use for grant funds: _____

Coach/instructor/educator who will complete Recommendation Form:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ School/Club: _____

