

San Juan Skijoring Scholarship - \$5000

- DEADLINE for scholarship applications is December 1st (no exceptions).
- Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
- Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
- You will be notified by mail or email by December 15th regarding the status of your application.
- If you have any questions about the application, please email us at sanjuanskijoring@gmail.com
- Scholarship winners will be announced at San Juan Skijoring on Saturday.

Scholarship Objective: The San Juan Skijoring Scholarship aims to provide financial support to young individuals who are passionate about and dedicated to pursuing their interests in horseback riding, skiing, or snowboarding. The scholarship aims to enable these individuals to enhance their skills, access training opportunities, and develop a deeper connection with their chosen sport.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be under the age of 18 as of January 1, 2024.
- Applicants must be Ouray County Locals or surrounding counties.
- Preference will be given to Ouray County Youth.
- Applicants must demonstrate a genuine passion and commitment to horseback riding, skiing, or snowboarding.
- Applicants should provide evidence of their involvement and achievements in their chosen sport.
- Financial need may be a consideration, but emphasis should be placed on passion, dedication, and potential.

Application Process:

- **Completed Application:** Applicants complete the application form listed below.
- **Statement of Passion:** A short essay (300-500 words) where applicants share their passion for horseback riding, skiing, or snowboarding, and how it has impacted their life.
- **Achievements:** Applicants list and describe their notable achievements, awards, or recognitions in their chosen sport if applicable.
- **Training/Development Plan:** A brief outline (200-300 words) of how the scholarship funds would be used to further their skills and passion (e.g., attending specialized training, purchasing equipment).
- **Letter(s) of Recommendation:** Applicants provide one or two letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to their dedication, character, and involvement in their chosen sport.
- **Individual Photo:** Applicants provide one photo of themselves to be used in the San Juan Skijoring Program if selected as a Scholarship Recipient.
- **Selection Process:** A selection committee comprising individuals with expertise in horseback riding, skiing, or snowboarding will review applications and select recipients based on their passion, commitment, achievements, and potential. Financial need may also be considered, but the primary focus should be on the applicant's dedication to their chosen sport.
- **Scholarship Award:** The scholarship award may vary based on available funds and the number of recipients. It could cover expenses such as competition fees, training fees, equipment, travel costs, or other related expenses associated with horseback riding, skiing, or snowboarding.
- **Application Deadline:** December 1st. Applications must be emailed, or post marked by Dec. 1st
- Please mail or submit application in person to:

San Juan Skijoring
P.O. Box 423
Ridgway, CO. 81432

Or email to: sanjuanskijoring@gmail.com

Furthermore, I commit to submitting a comprehensive follow-up report to San Juan Skijoring by December 31, 2024. This report will provide a detailed overview of how the scholarship funds were utilized, including the allocation of funds for training, coaching, equipment, competition, and any other relevant expenses. The report will also highlight my achievements, progress, and overall impact in my chosen sport.

I understand that this follow-up report is a vital component of the scholarship program and serves to demonstrate accountability, transparency, and the meaningful use of the funds provided by San Juan Skijoring. By submitting this report, I aim to show appreciation for the scholarship opportunity and contribute to the continued success of the program.

I am committed to upholding the values and expectations of the San Juan Skijoring Scholarship and to fulfilling my responsibilities as a scholarship recipient. I am grateful for the support of San Juan Skijoring and the opportunity to further my passion and skills in my chosen sport.

Signed: _____ Date: _____