



2026 Harry "Rebel" Ryan Scholarship Application

Pico Ski Education Foundation (PSEF) has a tradition of providing financial support to athletes in pursuit of the highest levels of ski racing. PSEF Founder Harry "Rebel" Ryan is a person who exemplifies the competitive spirit of Pico Ski Club Ski Racing and has inspired generations of Pico Ski Club (PSC) athletes to strive for excellence.

In 2008, PSEF established a scholarship awarded each spring in the name of Harry "Rebel" Ryan in support of "off season" ski training opportunities for Pico Ski Club athletes who have demonstrated a strong commitment to ski racing. Up to two (2) recipients will be selected this year based on their essay submissions and other eligibility criteria. Winners of this scholarship will receive a maximum of \$2000.00 to attend a ski race-related or dryland training camp during the summer/fall season, or it may be applied towards PSC coaching fees for the 2026-2027 ski season. Please note: The Scholarship must be used before December 15, 2026.

Each candidate is required to complete and submit this application with responses to **two (2)** of the prompts below for consideration by March 1st, 2026, and must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Pico Ski Club (PSC) athlete who has shown exemplary leadership, hard work, dedication and achievement as determined by his/her Coaches
- Made a commitment to continue to pursue ski racing in their high school and/or college years
- Currently participating in the PSC Race Program at the U14 to U19 level
- Plans to continue their participation in the PSC Race Program in the 2026-2027 season
- Received approval for planned use of Scholarship from PSC Race Director

Name _____ **Birth Year** _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ . **Email Address** _____

Applicant's Signature _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature** _____

Choose any two (2) of the topics provided. For each of these 2 topics, please submit a creative and inspiring response in the form of a 3 to 5 minute video or a typed essay of approximately 500 words. Be yourself and express your passion to convince us why you deserve this scholarship.

1. **"Why I Ski":** Describe how you learned to ski and why you have chosen ski racing as a sport.
2. **"What the Pico Ski Race Program Means to Me":** Describe what the PSC Race Program means to you and how it has affected your overall approach and philosophy towards ski racing.
3. **"My Skiing Experience":** Write an essay about your experiences or a particular experience in the mountains and skiing and describe how following this passion has made you happier and more successful in life/school.
4. **"What I Hope to Achieve at Camp":** What are your goals for the next ski season? If you are selected for this scholarship, what do you hope to accomplish at your ski related camp?

Please submit essays and videos (or links to videos) along with this completed form via email to info@PicoSkiFoundation.org **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2026.**

Please indicate the camp in which you are interested in attending: _____

Approval by Race Director: _____

Winners of the Harry "Rebel" Ryan Scholarship will be announced at the end of the training season in late March at the PSC Racer Awards.

RESTRICTIONS: Previous winners of the Harry "Rebel" Ryan Scholarship are ineligible to apply. If you win the Andrea Mead Lawrence Scholarship or the Sarah Will Scholarship, you will not be eligible to win the Harry Rebel Ryan Scholarship that same year.

Please note: Recipients must provide receipt or proof of payment from the camp they attended or request payment of coaching fees in order to receive this award.