

**Far West Athletic Scholarship Program
2014-2015 Recipients**



Elyse Burandt, age 17, attends Joel E. Ferris High School in Spokane, WA where she is a member of the varsity soccer team. As a member of the Schweitzer Ski Team, her objective for this season is to make the U18 Nationals. Last season Elyse placed #13 in downhill and #16 in Super G in her age group. She had 2 podium finishes and placed in the top 10 seven times. Awarded \$1,500 scholarship by Skiyente Ski Club, Portland, OR.



Korbyn Edmondson, age 15, the son of Shawn and Conney Edmondson, attends Mt. Spokane High School where he is looking to play golf for Mt. Spokane High in the spring of 2015 and is currently a Star Scout in Troop 288 with the goal of completing his Eagle Rank in the summer of 2015. As a member of the Schweitzer Ski Team, last year Korbyn was ranked # 21 in downhill in his age group in downhill and had 1 top 10 finish. Awarded \$750 scholarship by FWSA.



JP Fourie, age 16, the son of Andre and Jill Fourie, is originally from Georgetown, Colorado, and now resides in Truckee, California. He attends Sugar Bowl Academy and enjoys motorcycle riding and mountain biking. As a member of the Sugar Bowl Ski Team, his objective for this season is to make the U18 Nationals. Last season JP had 6 podiums and 5 top 10 finishes in his age group. Awarded Vern Sprock Memorial Scholarship of \$750 through the Far West Ski Foundation.



Nathan Gunesch age 16, the son of Bill and Mary Gunesch, attends Sandy High School in Government Camp, OR, where he is the sports editor for his school newspaper. He is a member of and trains with Mt. Hood Academy. Last season Nathan had 10 podium finishes and placed in the top 10 eight times. Awarded \$750 scholarship by Bergfreude Ski Club, Portland, OR.

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Amelia Henry, age 16, attends Snohomish High School in Snohomish, Washington. She enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking, tennis, and volleyball. She also participates in ASB Senate at her school and is active in community service. This season, she is looking to win in slalom at the U18 Nationals and the slalom overall in the Northwest Cup series. Last season, Amelia had 3 podiums and 9 top 10 finishes. Awarded \$500 scholarship by FWSA.



Devan LaMere, age 17, the daughter of Laurie and Clete LaMere, attends Jackson Hole High School and is a member of the Jackson Hole Ski Team. She is looking forward to attending college, ideally on the east coast, and racing NCAA. Growing up, she spent the majority of her summers riding horses in competitions and horse shows. Her goal for the coming season is to place in the top 10 at the Junior Nationals. Last season, she ranked #16 in downhill for her age group and had 3 podiums and 8 top 10 finishes. Awarded \$500 scholarship by FWSA.



Lila Lapanja, age 20, is from Incline Village, Nevada, and graduated from Forest Charter School earlier this year. She is a member of the U.S. Ski Team's "C" squad this year and is looking forward to skiing in the World Cup. Currently, she is training with the World Cup Tech Team racing in the Europa Cup in Europe and will return to the U.S. in February for the World Championships in Vail/Beaver Creek. Last season, Lila ranked #5 in Super G, #3 in GS, and #3 in slalom. She had 7 podiums, 7 top 10 finishes, and was the Junior Slalom Champion at the U.S. Nationals. Awarded \$1,500 scholarship by Sierra League and Council.



Molly Leavens, age 17, attends Park City High School and is a member of the USSA Elite Team. Her interests include math, science, and art. She was a member of the varsity track team at her school from her freshman through junior years'. Her goal for the coming season is to win at least one event at the U18 Nationals and compete in the U.S. Nationals. Last year, she was ranked #1 in downhill and #10 in Super G in her age group. She finished the season with 3 podiums and 1 top 10. Awarded \$1,000 scholarship by FWSA.

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Ashley Lodmell, age 16, attends Evergreen High School in Vancouver, WA where she is a member of the National Honor Society and is a member of the varsity softball and cross country teams. As a member of the Mt. Bachelor Ski Team, her objectives for this season are to make the U18 Nationals and be in the top 2 in the Northwest Cup overall. Last season Ashley had 5 podium finishes and placed in the top 10 seventeen times. Awarded \$1,000 scholarship by Mt. High Ski Club, Portland, OR.



Haley Louis, age 15, of Redwood City, CA, attends Sugar Bowl Academy in Norden, CA. Her hobbies include playing ultimate frisbee and guitar. As a member of the Sugar Bowl Ski Team, her objective for the coming season is to make the U16 Nationals. Last season, Haley ranked #7 in Super G and #11 in GS in her age group. She had 1 podium and 9 top 10 finishes. Awarded \$1,000 scholarship by Castro Valley Ski Club.



Kayleigh MacGregor, age 17, attends Mammoth High School where she enjoys dancing, singing, cheerleading, and swimming. She skis for the Mammoth Mountain Ski Team and last year placed first in the U18 Super G Western Champ Qualifiers. Her goal for the coming season is to make the U18 Nationals. Awarded \$750 scholarship by Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.



Erin Maidman, age 17, is from Ventura, California and pursues her academics through Stanford University's Online High School program. One of her main interests is making films which she has been doing now for 6 years. She played volleyball in past years both in high school and club leagues but now focuses primarily on ski racing. As a member of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Team, she received the U16 Female Skier of the Year in both 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Last season, Erin had 3 top 10 finishes. Awarded \$500 scholarship by FWSA.

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Alexandria Oseland, age 16, attends Bonney Lake High School in Bonney Lake, Washington where her main focus as an athlete is ski racing, karate, and soccer. She is a member of the National Honor Society and contributes over 30 hours of community service each year. As a member of the Crystal Mountain Ski Team, her goal for the coming season is to qualify for the U18 Nationals. Last year, she had 11 podiums and 7 top 10 finishes. Awarded \$1,000 scholarship by Northwest Ski Club Council.



Jimmy Wehsener, age 16, from the San Diego, CA area, now lives in Mammoth Lakes, CA and attends Mammoth High School. Jimmy is involved in a myriad of sports and enjoys drawing, reading, and writing. He is also very involved in community service, most recently with the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation. Earlier this year, he represented Far West at the Western Regional Championships in Jackson Hole, WY. Awarded \$800 scholarship by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs.