

Dear Athletes and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in financial assistance from the Bend Endurance Academy. As a nonprofit organization, our aim is to keep program tuition affordable for families in Central Oregon and offset actual program costs through various fundraising efforts including corporate sponsorship, grants, and individual donations.

We also understand that participation in endurance sports can be costly since equipment, travel, and maintenance expenses add up. Therefore, the Academy has established the General Tuition Assistance Fund for program tuition for our youth, development, high school and competition team programs, the Kurtz Nordic Scholarship Fund for High School Nordic athletes, the Taye Nakamura Memorial Scholarship Award for aspiring female cyclists, and the She Can Scholarship for female endurance athletes. Each of these funds have slightly different qualifications, deadlines and requirements. Assistance is awarded based on athlete's financial need, commitment to the program and the availability of funds. You will find information and applications attached or please visit our website for more information on each fund.

In addition to financial assistance, the Bend Endurance Academy offers monthly payment plans for program tuition for all of our programs costing more than \$200. Please contact me or your Program Director directly to discuss.

Other financial resources may be available for qualified families through:

- Good Thought Good Action Foundation: www.gtgafoundation.org
- Kids in the Game organization: www.kidsinthegame.org
- PacificSource Community Solutions Flex Funds: www.pacificsource.org
- Pacific Northwest Ski Education Foundation: www.pnsef.org
- School Family Access Network (FAN) advocates also often have leads for assistance

Thank you again for your interest in the Bend Endurance Academy, we hope we can work together to provide financial assistance to you and your family.

Sincerely,

BEA Board and Staff

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Kurtz Nordic Scholarship

The Kurtz Nordic Scholarship was established to provide support for high school Nordic athletes committed to pursuing full-time training with the Bend Endurance Academy. This Scholarship is available to provide financial assistance to athletes seeking to pursue Nordic skiing at his/her highest potential and who need financial assistance to get there.

About Kurtz

Coach Kurtz was the Head Development Coach for the Bend Endurance Academy for 8 years. Kurtz' influence on the growth and development of the Nordic team cannot be understated. His sense of humor, love for the outdoors, and child-like joy for every adventure, made him a favorite coach for all of his skiers. During his career, Kurtz became known for his ability to teach any level of skiing, his patient approach to each athlete's individual learning experience, and an unparalleled work ethic and heart. Kurtz stressed process over performance, practice makes perfect, and with a little bit of grit and lot of heart, you are capable of anything.

Who may apply:

Any Bend Endurance Academy Nordic school-aged athlete (age 10-18) with financial need who is regularly involved in Nordic skiing and wishes to continue to do so.

Scholarships will be evaluated based on the athlete's:

- Commitment to Nordic skiing
- Consistent attitude, attendance, and athleticism while pursuing his/her goals
- Demonstrated financial need
- Description of how the scholarship will help fulfill his/her personal goals

Qualifications to Determine Eligibility for Scholarship:

- Applicant must be of 10-18 years old and reside within Central Oregon School District
- Applicant must have actively participated in an organized Nordic skiing program within the last twelve months
- Applicant must demonstrate financial need
- Applicant must commit to scholarship requirements such as adhering to written code of conduct from the Bend Endurance Academy

Due Date

All applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee of the Bend Endurance Academy by email or mail no more than 2 weeks prior to start of session.

Scholarship Notification

Applicants will be notified by scholarship committee ASAP.

Payment of Scholarship

If awarded, the payment of the Kurtz Nordic Scholarship will be credited to the applicant's account balance at the Bend Endurance Academy within 15 days of scholarship notification. Applicant is responsible for tuition balance due immediately or through payment plan with credit card on file.

Payment Plan Options

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Kurtz Nordic Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name	
Address (Street Address, City, State, ZIP)	
Phone Number(s)	
Email Address	
Name of High School	

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Describe your experience in Nordic skiing. How long have you been doing it? How did you start? What keeps you skiing?
- What lessons have you learned about yourself and others through Nordic skiing?
- What are your goals this year in terms of Nordic Skiing and participating in the Nordic Program at the Bend Endurance Academy?
- Describe how the Kurtz Nordic Scholarship will help you achieve your goals?
- Describe how you see yourself participating in or giving back to the sport, the Bend Endurance Academy and/or the community during the year.

Letter of Recommendation: Submit one letter of recommendation from a Nordic coach, teacher, mentor, or family friend supporting your application for financial assistance.

Coaches/teacher/mentor, please include information including:

- how long you have known applicant
- how financial support will assist applicant in pursuing his/her goals
- why you recommend applicant for the Kurtz Nordic Scholarship

Certification

I hereby give _____ permission to apply for the Kurtz Nordic Scholarship at the Bend Endurance Academy. Furthermore, I hereby certify that I am in full compliance with all rules and policies established by the organization and that all information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Parent or Guardian Signature

Date