

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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She Can Scholarship

The She Can Scholarship is designed to remove financial barriers that often prevent middle and high school aged girls from pursuing climbing, cycling, or Nordic skiing. This scholarship was started through a grant from the Compton Foundation with support from Emilie Cortes, former owner of Bend-based Call of the Wild Adventures. Cortes ran adventure trips exclusively for women and believes outdoor activities offer benefits beyond those of more mainstream sports.

Who may apply:

Any middle or high school aged (10-18) female Bend Endurance Academy athlete with financial need who is regularly involved in climbing, cycling, or Nordic skiing and wishes to continue to do so. Funding may be awarded for program tuition, event registration or team travel expenses.

Scholarships will be evaluated based on the athlete's:

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

Qualifications to Determine Eligibility for Scholarship:

- Applicant must reside within a Central Oregon School District
- Applicant must have actively participated in an organized climbing, cycling or 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 your Program Director of the Bend Endurance Academy by email or mail. Applicants must complete the entire application and submit no later than two weeks prior to the start of the program or event for which scholarship assistance is requested.

Scholarship Notification

The Scholarship Committee will review your application and provide a written response ASAP.

Payment of Scholarship

The payment of the She Can Scholarship will be credited directly to the applicant's account at the Bend Endurance Academy within 15 days of scholarship notification.

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She Can Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name	
Address (Street Address, City, State, ZIP)	
Phone Number(s)	
Email Address	
Parent(s) Name(s)	

Scholarship Need / Request

Program tuition assistance is available for qualified athletes and is based on financial need, commitment to the program and the availability of funds. Applicants must complete the entire application and submit no later than two weeks prior to the start of the program.

Tuition cost: \$ _____ **Program Start Date:** _____

Amount of assistance requested: \$ _____ or _____ %

Total monthly income for all household members (over 18): \$ _____

We may require current documentation reflecting your family's financial situation. The more information you are able to provide us, the better we will be able to help.

Please indicate the monthly amount received for any of the following:

Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) \$ _____ Child support received \$ _____ Subsidized housing \$ _____ Unemployment revenue \$ _____ SSID \$ _____ Food stamps \$ _____

Which of the following ways are you interested in volunteering in the future to help the club?

- Helping our races or events _____
- Providing food/snacks/support at trips, camps and races _____
- Help with cleanup and or maintenance at the Academy _____
- Other assistance: _____

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

- Describe your experience in climbing, cycling or Nordic skiing. How long have you been doing it? How did you start? What keeps you active?
- What lessons have you learned about yourself and others through your sport?
- What are your goals this year in terms of participating in the Climbing/Cycling/Nordic Program at the Bend Endurance Academy?
- Describe how the She Can 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 your coach, teacher, mentor, or family friend supporting your application for financial assistance.

Coaches, teachers, mentors, please include information including:

- how long you have known applicant
- how financial support will assist applicant in pursuing her goals
- why you recommend applicant for the She Can Scholarship

Certification

I hereby give _____ permission to apply for the She Can 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