

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

Bend Endurance Academy

General Tuition Assistance Fund 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 one month 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 \$ _____

On a separate sheet of paper please:

- describe your need for financial assistance and reason for your application
- share a few goals for this upcoming season
- describe why involvement in Bend Endurance Academy is important to you
- provide details about other financial support or aid you have received from the Bend Endurance Academy within the past 3 years

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: _____

Payment Plan Options

Are you interested in learning more about tuition payment plan options? Yes ___ No ___

Letter of Recommendation: Submit one letter of recommendation from a 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 his/her goals
- why you recommend applicant for tuition assistance

Please submit your completed application (mail, email) to your Program Director at the Bend Endurance Academy. Applications must be received no later than 30 days prior to the first day of the program for which financial assistance is requested.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your Program Director directly.

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

For official use only:

Date received: _____

Tuition cost: \$ _____

Assistance requested: \$ _____

Assistance granted: \$ _____

Payment plan: Yes/No

Details _____