

Methow Valley Nordic Ski Educational Foundation

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MVNSEF FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION AND APPLICATION 2018-19

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in financial assistance from MVNSEF. Our aim is to keep program tuition affordable for families in the Methow Valley. While fundraising offsets a substantial portion of program costs, we understand that skiing involves a significant financial investment through tuition, equipment, travel and camp fees. Therefore, MVN provides program assistance through our scholarship fund for Ski Cubs, Junior Team, and Biathlon programs. Scholarship awards typically cover 10-90% of program costs.

Assistance is awarded based on an athlete's financial need and the availability of funds. To provide the most secure and fair assessment of financial need, MVNSEF is using the Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) online application for the Junior Team (Ski Cubs will have a separate financial aid application which does not involve the FAST program). This is the same program used by Little Star for their financial aid application.

The MVN application can be found via the link on our registration page or at the following website: <https://www.ismfast.com/FastPage.php?id=936f37a17210d71514a3f5cd77aab11d>

- The application process is self-guided. You may navigate in and out of the program allowing you to partially complete an application and go back to it at another time. FAST has a 24/7/365 helpline available at 1-877-326-FAST should you have any questions.
- There is a \$43 fee to applicants for each application (one per family) and MVNSEF will reimburse \$20 of that as part of a scholarship award. If you need help with this please contact Pete Leonard, Executive Director at ED@mvnsef.org or (509)341-4450, or Leslie Hall, Program Director at jrteam@mvnsef.org or (509)996-6000
- After completing the online application you will be required to upload, scan or mail your 2017 tax documents (Federal taxes including all schedules and W-2's) to FAST for verification purposes. Details on secure submission are included in the application process, and social security numbers may be blacked out.

Initial review of applications for winter program fees and equipment rentals will begin October 15. Applications submitted after this date will be reviewed on a rolling basis. To request support for invitational training camps and travel, please submit the FAST application at least 2 weeks prior to the camp. Only one FAST application needs to be completed per training year per family. We look forward to having your child(ren) on the Team!

Sincerely,

MVNSEF Board of Directors