



Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program Membership Grant Program

The Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program Membership Grant Program was established to financially assist local participants of the Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program with club membership/registration fees and other expenses associated with its participation by one or more new or current member(s). The fund is made possible through the generous contributions from BMA families, Burke community members, and subsidies from the academy. The fund is intended to encourage participation in ski racing by local (NEK) families who have long been the cultural back-bone of the junior program.

Eligibility/Criteria for Selection

The grant is to be awarded to a potential or current Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program athlete who is 7 years of age or older as of January 1 of the year in which the grant is to be awarded and a year-round resident of the Northeast Kingdom (eligible athlete). Any eligible athlete is open to apply for the grant, including children of both Burke Mountain Academy staff members and Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program coaches, with the one exception being that those children of the selection committee are NOT eligible for the grant.

The primary basis for evaluation of awards will be based on "financial need", with a secondary consideration for "potential benefit derived" from being a member of Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program. To apply, a brief letter is required describing the applicant's residency, interest in the grant, interest in skiing and ski racing. Grant applicants will include in their letter a description of their financial need in order for the selection committee to evaluate the amount of the grant. Grant awards are not intended to cover 100% of the cost of participating in the Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program.



Selection Process

No less than three members will make up the selection committee and function as judges for awarding the grant. Diann Roffe will initiate and manage the selection process. Evaluation for the grant award is based on review of the Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program grant application letter and an informal evaluation of financial need by the committee.

Evaluation and judging is acknowledged to be subjective. The decision of the selection committee is final. All grant applications are confidential and grant award recipients will be anonymous to everyone except the Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program grant selection committee. Grant recipients will be notified by email and/or phone call.

Distribution of Funds

The grant award amount shall be calculated by the Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program Bookkeeper and the proposed grant amount will be provided to the full Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program Selection Committee by the Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program Bookkeeper. The Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program Bookkeeper will write a check to the recipient athlete (parent).

Application Process

Applicants submittal consists of a completed Burke Mountain Academy Junior Program online registration and a 1-2 page cover letter addressed to the Junior Program Grant Selection Committee indicating their interest in and need for the grant program and briefly describing what the grant, skiing, and ski racing means to them. Parents are encouraged to participate in the submittal process. This letter must include a statement of year-round residence in the NEK, and the town and school the applicants are currently registered and attending. This letter may be uploaded in the online registration process or submitted to droffe@burkemtnacademy.org

Applications will be due no later than October 15. Grant awards will be communicated by November 1 of each year.