



YSA Stein Eriksen Dare to Dream Scholarship Criteria and Funding (Updated July 2026)

Purpose - Youth Sports Alliance (YSA) offers need-based scholarships to deserving athletes who are enrolled in YSA member programs. YSA Stein Eriksen Dare to Dream Scholarships provide financial assistance to dedicated athletes who are faced with the inability to participate or compete without the help of outside funding. Funds for the scholarship are provided by the Stein Eriksen YSA Opportunity Endowment and scholarship donations made during JANS Winter Welcome, an annual fundraising dinner.

Qualification Criteria – To qualify for the YSA Stein Eriksen Endowment Dare to Dream Scholarship, the athlete must:

- 1) Train with a YSA member program. YSA member programs include: Figure Skating Club of Park City, Park City Ice Miners, Park City Ski and Snowboard, Park City Speed Skating Club, Wasatch Freestyle Foundation, Wasatch Luge, and UOP Bobsled and Skeleton;
- 2) Meet YSA age requirements:
 - i) Athletes who have passed the age of 21 as of December 31 of the calendar year in which the scholarship application is filed are no longer eligible for scholarship support notwithstanding any other provision of possible eligibility; and
 - ii) YSA discourages scholarship applications from athletes who have not achieved Age 7 as of December 31 of the calendar year in which the scholarship application is filed.
- 3) Demonstrate a commitment to his/her sport and a desire to continue in the sport;
- 4) Demonstrate financial need;
- 5) Receive recommendation from their Program Director or Coach; and
- 6) Maintain good standing with his/her respective club, demonstrating positive characteristics, behaviors, and values.

Please note, a member of a national team who trained with a YSA-member team and has not by been awarded adequate funding for national team participation may apply for this scholarship as long as other requirements are met.

Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipient's program, which will be responsible for managing and tracking scholarship funds awarded to the athlete. In the case of a first-year member of a national team, YSA can pay the national governing body directly if preferred by the member team. The member team must notify YSA of this request.

The program will be expected to provide a written report of disbursements prior to the next scholarship application period.

Annual Scholarship Funding:

The Annual scholarship is designed to help the athlete identify their yearly expenses and request the funding amount they need to keep them in their sport. Fall requests should cover their annual year (Fall through Summer).

1.) Application period is open August 1 – August 31st. Applications may not be accepted after August 31st.

2.) Annual Scholarship - Approved Expenses:

- a. Annual Program Fees (Fall through Summer)
- b. Team supported competition entry fees and travel fees
- c. Camps that are within team's annual training program and athletes pays directly to their team
 - i. Examples but not limited to: Mt Hood, Mammoth, New Zealand, Colorado, UOP water ramps, dryland, weight training, summer skate skiing, club ice, off ice training with team, hockey summer training, Whistler with team, summer sled training at UOP

3.) Annual Scholarship - Not Approved Expenses:

- a. Camps that an athlete chooses to attend that are not run through their team; commercial camps
 - i. Examples but not limited to Woodward, ID One
- b. Camps that are not related to their sport
 - i. Examples but not limited to backpacking/camping
- c. Equipment
- d. Post season camps and/or competitions in which the athlete qualifies for during their season. Please see Spring Scholarship coverage for these expenses.

Spring Scholarship Funding:

The Spring scholarship is designed to help those athletes who qualified for additional/invitational camps and/or competitions during their season.

1.) Spring Scholarship - Approved Expenses:

- a. Post Season Competitions: Athlete qualifies for a post season competition based on their seasonal rankings. Competition must be run through their sport's governing body
 - i. Examples but not limited to: Nor-Ams, Sectionals, Jr. World, World, Jr Nationals, Nationals
 - ii. Sport governing body consists of USSA, USSS, IFSA, FIL, US Figure Skating Association, USA Hockey, US Bobsled/Skeleton Federation, US Speedskating
- b. Post Season Invitational Camps: Athlete was invited to a specialty camp based on seasonal rankings. Camp is hosted and run by their sport's governing body.
 - i. Examples but not limited to US Developmental Camps, Project Gold
 - ii. Athlete must supply the invitation, or website with qualified athlete listed, during the application process

2.) Spring Scholarship – Not Approved Expenses:

- a. Any regular season, off season, or summer seasonal program fees, these are covered with the Fall application/funding cycle
- b. Any voluntary camps or competitions not run through the athlete's team

3.) Spring Scholarship Application Period: There will be two different application periods to best accommodate the various schedules and dates of different sports and disciplines. Please select the period that best accommodates the athletes' post season schedule.

Dates for open application submittal will be posted on the YSA website

<https://ysausa.org/programs/scholarships/>

Application Process - To receive the YSA Stein Eriksen Dare to Dream Scholarship, the applicant must:

- 1.) Complete and submit the online application to the YSA. Forms can be found on <https://ysausa.org/programs/scholarships/>
- 2.) Provide specific documentation about his/her financial need, including but not limited to the past two years' tax returns. If applicant is part of a multi-household family, tax returns must be provided for all households (all financial supporters), even if applicant is over 18 years of age and submits an individual tax return;
- 3.) Complete and submit a letter;
- 4.) Have a Recommendation submitted from a Coach or Program Manager. The form can be found on ysaparkcity.org; and
- 5.) ALL documents must be received within the application period.

After application process is completed:

- 1.) The Scholarship Committee assesses the applications and determines the number of scholarships and awards to be offered;
- 2.) YSA will notify both applicant and team Program Manager of scholarship award;
- 3.) YSA will pay member team the awarded amounts;
- 4.) Member team will apply awarded amount to scholarship recipient's account;
- 5.) Member team will provide YSA with a report showing athlete's expenditures;
- 6.) Scholarship recipient will complete the End of Season YSA Stein Eriksen Dare to Dream Scholarship Recipient Report upon end of sport season and return it to YSA;
- 7.) Scholarship recipients will write two Thank You letters addressed to "Dear YSA Donor" and mail to YSA.

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