

Rannoch Bursaries: Applications are invited for season 2013

The Scottish Ski Club is delighted to have been asked again to select suitable candidates for the "Rannoch Bursaries". The outstanding results achieved by winners of Rannoch Bursaries over the past nine years underline the value of these awards. We again applaud the founder and major sponsor of these awards for his support and commitment. However, this is the tenth and probably the final year of the series. The search for new sponsorship continues.

The object of these bursaries is to provide an opportunity for young Scottish Race Trainees to spend a winter period at The British Ski Academy in Chamonix (www.britskiacad.org.uk) where they will have intensive ski and race training in January and February 2013. In addition they will continue with their academic education during the term. For 2013, bursaries are only being offered to those living north of the Highland Line. In recognition of the fact that all those who are awarded bursaries will have largely been trained by their home club in Scotland, it will be a condition of the award that they return to that club for further training, and in particular for the F.A.S.T. camp in Easter 2013. They will also be required to compete in the Scottish Childrens Championships. BSA will not be able to offer places to award winners over the period covering the British Childrens Championships.

The principal donor is aware that this type of training is not often available to children from the Highlands, where wage levels are generally lower than elsewhere. His own children completed a winter with the Academy and he would like others to have this chance.

Suitable candidates for the Highland bursaries will:

1. Reside within the Grampian Highlands or the counties to the North and West of them.
2. Generally be a pupil of a state school within the above area.
3. Have shown promise at ski racing, normally at the Children I category, and have been born in the years 1997 to 2001.
4. Have parents who are prepared to let their children take up these bursaries.

The bursaries will cover the BSA fees for two periods of three weeks each, which are expected to be around 75% of the total costs. Parents will have to confirm that they will cover the remaining costs, including travel to/from Chamonix, uplift, insurance, personal equipment and clothing. It is estimated that these will be in the region of £1000 to £1500 for 6 weeks training. On the basis of experience in previous years, there is scope for winners of Rannoch Bursaries to raise a significant part of these costs by way of local sponsorship.

Applications are invited for bursaries for the 2013 winter season, and should be submitted on the application form (downloadable from the Club web-site at www.scottishskiclub.org.uk) by 15 October 2012 together with a suitable c.v. Interviews with short listed applicants will be held later early in November. The decision of the selection panel will be announced but the reasons behind the nomination of successful candidates will remain confidential. Any questions should be sent to Bill Aitken, Scottish Ski Club, (w.aitken@blueyonder.co.uk).