

Print**Youth Sports Funding Program Application - Submission #1058289****Date Submitted: 1/24/2025****ORGANIZATION INFORMATION****Name of Organization***

Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association

Amount of funding requested*

6000

Tax ID Number*

65-129188

If you do not have a Tax ID number, has one been requested?☐ Yes☐ No**Mailing Address***

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Purpose of organization*

1. To promote cross country skiing in the Eastern Sierra.
 2. To encourage the development of responsible and self-motivated skiers through a balance of cross country ski training, competition and academics.
 3. To help provide the coaching and support required to assist each athlete to ski and race at his or her best, be that at the local, national, or international level.
 4. To instill in our athletes a lifelong standard of excellence and integrity in all aspects of their lives athletics, academics, and social.
 5. To promote community participation in cross country skiing as a healthful lifetime sport.
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FUNDING INFORMATION**Amount of funding request***

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Budget Information Worksheet*

ProfitandLoss (1).pdf

Youth Sports Funding Budget Information Worksheet[2024 Budget Information Worksheet](#)

Please download, fill in, save, and upload the provided budget information worksheet.

Please describe, in itemized detail, how the funds received in 2024 were spent:*

Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association (ESNSA) funds received in 2024 for youth funding from the TOML totalled \$4810. This represents approximately 15% of the ESNSA budget this year. That grant as part of ESNSA general expenses, as broken down in more detail in the profit and loss statement, can be said to have been applied to help cover sponsorships, dues, race expenses, training expenses, coach salaries, and travel expenses for local nordic athletes.

How many scholarships were awarded by your organization in 2024, both Tony Colasardo scholarships and internal scholarships?

There were six scholarships given this year by ESNSA to local high school and middle school students for access to training, required fees, and equipment.

Please describe how the requested funding for 2025 will be used:*

The requested funding for 2025 will be used to continue to promote and support local youth in pursuing the sport of nordic skiing. Nordic skiing, training, equipment, and getting to events is expensive, and the local school district has a high rate of socially disadvantaged students who can easily be priced out of this opportunity. Without scholarship assistance for coaching and ski rentals many of the students presently involved in nordic skiing would be unable to continue or never given the opportunity. Funds will be used to directly impact the numbers of nordic athletes, and their ability to access training and equipment that is necessary to be successful in the sport.

What other sources have you pursued to obtain funding?*

The Eastern Sierra Nordic Ski Association (ESNSA) is a non-profit that runs on individual donations and community sponsors. The Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation has given support to the ESNSA this year. The Karch Family had a barbecue fundraiser for the organization over the summer. Nordic ski team members and associated volunteers also assist in local events that return in kind funds for volunteer presence and assistance. The Fall Century, Bluesapalooza, and Trailfest are a few examples of these types of opportunities that are used for fundraising. Lastly, the ESNSA puts on a Skiathlon fundraiser each year.

Please upload any documents that will assist in establishing the funding history of the organization:**Funding History Documents**

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2024 funding history.png

Funding History Documents No file chosen**Do you have a Facility Use Agreement with the Town of Mammoth Lakes?***☒ Yes☐ No**Are any Town/County resources (e.g., parks, fields, or facilities) used by the organization?***☒ Yes☐ No

If yes, indicate the nature of the usage, the estimated number of participant hours, and any expenses incurred by your organization for the prep and maintenance of the facility used by your organization.

Shady Rest Park and Whitmore Track are used by the teams for dry land training. The amount of time each year varies, but may approach 4-5 hours per week in the summer/fall. Nordic skiers also use county roads for dryland training. We do not spend time on the maintenance of parks or these roads.

PROGRAM INFORMATION**Duration of the program's season (days per year):***

Some of the community youth involved in nordic skiing train year round. ESNSA facilitates a training program during the summer from May through August. These athletes have goals to perform at the Junior National, National, college, and professional levels. Competitive Team members are in the busiest parts of their training from October until April. They train some 220 or more days per year. The local high school and middle school teams from MUSD and Eastside Academy run from early November until March. They train on the order of 45 -65 days each year.

Number of registered youth participants in 2024*

Mammoth High School had 10 nordic skiers in 2024. Mammoth Middle School had 8 members. There were 6 home schooled youth from Mono County as well. Gliders programming adds a substantial amount of elementary youth to these totals. Additionally, the ESNsa facilitates the Mammoth Classic high school race, a Junior National Classic Ski Race, and the Allan Bard classic over several days each year. These events bring several hundred students from California with their coaches and families to compete and play in Mammoth Lakes. Visiting racers to ESNsa organized race events come from high schools in South and North Lake Tahoe, Incline, Truckee, Colfax, Nevada Union, Tahoe Expeditionary Academy, and Galena.

Number of Mono County full-time residents:*

The local students in MUSD and the Eastside Academy who are nordic participants in 2024 are all Mono County residents. Glider' programs are represented by a majority of Mono County residents.

Number of adult volunteer hours involved with the program (specific program set up, maintenance, etc. - provide details):*

Board members, parents, athletes, coaches, and other community members work together to staff high school and community races. This includes registration, social media and communications, event set-up, timing, officiating, and course break down. This may represent several 100s of person hours. General maintenance of the organization by volunteers represents several hundreds of hours of time each year. The Karch Family Barbecue Fundraiser last summer represents a 100 hours of time by volunteers. Organizing coaches, coach trainings, and scholarship activities represents several 100 hours of time. Other volunteer activities by athletes and families may also represent several 100s of hours of time. In total, an estimate of 1000+ hours seems reasonable.

What type of measures or procedures do you take to promote good sportsmanship among the players, coaches, and parents? Are there policies in place to discourage abusive behavior and language towards participants, coaches, and officials?*

The nordic ski community is generally amiable, and nordic skiing promotes sportsmanship amongst coaches, parents, and youth skiers. The youth involved in nordic skiing are coached by not only hired coaches via Mammoth Mountain's competitive team, but also by volunteers, parents, and teachers at the high school and middle school levels, and if you have been to a nordic race, you know that these individuals all cheer each other on no matter which team they are representing. The best races are measured by athletes doing their personal best, which doesn't mean a podium every time. It may mean just finishing a race strong. With that, any young skier can be successful. All nordic supporters understand this and help to build a supportive team environment. Additionally, older skiers show support and camaraderie with younger skiers. In this type of tight knit community environment negative behavior is virtually non-existent. With that said, any negative behaviors would get addressed and corrected by the coaches who are trained to promote good sportsmanship. Additionally, high school and middle school coaches must undergo a 30 hour plus training module to become coaches for the MUSD. Competitive coaches must undergo a similar training with the MMSA. These proactive trainings help to instill a positive caring environment that coaches then bring to the nordic community.

Outside of your program, what type of community programs or projects does your organization participate in?

The ESNsa participates in the Fourth of July Parade, and as noted above, volunteers at various events to raise funds. The ESNsa also cleans up a section of the 395 through the CalTrans Adopt-A-Hwy program. Our signage and responsibility is at Smokey Bear flats.