



November 2, 2022

Dear TRSU Elementary School Families,

Okemo Mountain School and Okemo Mountain Resort are pleased to announce a newly expanded scholarship opportunity for five TRSU elementary school students to join the Okemo Competition Center Weekend Program, which includes the disciplines of alpine ski racing, snowboarding, and freeski (slopestyle, halfpipe, skiercross). Additionally, an Epic Local Pass will be provided for any recipients who do not already receive one as an employee dependent. In the past this scholarship was awarded to one LES student, but thanks to the support of Okemo Mountain Resort, we are able to expand the number of scholarships and the eligibility criteria. We call this scholarship the TRSU “Grassroots” scholarship because we believe our local students should be the “grassroots” of the programs both at the Okemo Competition Center and at OMS, and we want to help make that a reality. OMS and Okemo are excited to be able to provide support to local athletes and promote local participation in Okemo’s ski and snowboard programs. This year the scholarships (5 individual awards) will include:

- Program fees for the program that best fits the recipient’s age and ability in their desired discipline (ski racing, snowboard, freeski) provided by Okemo Mountain Resort
- An Epic Local Pass provided by Okemo Mountain Resort
- Up to \$500 in equipment assistance funding provided by Okemo Mountain School

To learn more about the Okemo Competition Center programs that are offered, visit <https://www.okemo.com/plan-your-trip/ski-and-ride-lessons/category/competition-and-racing.aspx>. There are programs for children from 7 years old and up, ability/discipline dependent.

To apply, please fill out the following application and return it to OMS by Monday, November 14th. Recipients will be notified by November 18th. Applications can be returned in person to OMS at 53 Main Street (right next door to LES – just ring the front door bell), by snail mail, fax, or email.

Mail: Okemo Mountain School; Attn: Grassroots Scholarship; 53 Main Street; Ludlow, VT 05149

Fax: 802-228-1511

Email: mmeringolo@okemomountainschool.org

Okemo Mountain School is a 501(c)3 non-profit school approved by the State Board of Education. OMS primarily operates a five-month winter sports academy for student-athletes in grades 5-12 and also offers a small full school year program, as well as summer and winter camps. Though Okemo Mountain School is a separate entity from the Okemo Mountain Competition Center, which is an Okemo Mountain Resort department, we see most of our student-athletes coming to us from the Competition Center programs. Okemo Mountain School would like more local athletes to have the opportunity to be involved in the Competition Center Programs and hopefully someday OMS! Therefore, we are excited to partner with Okemo Mountain Resort in expanding this scholarship opportunity.

If you have any questions about this scholarship or the programs, including which might be the best fit for your child, please contact me at mmeringolo@okemomountainschool.org or 802-228-1513.

With warm regards,

Mariel Meringolo

Head of School



TRSU "Grassroots" Scholarship Application

This scholarship was created to help more local elementary school students become involved in competitive winter sports through the Okemo Mountain Competition Center. The "Grassroots" Scholarships will be awarded to five students who:

- ❖ Attend an elementary school within the Two Rivers Supervisory Union (Ludlow, Mount Holly, Cavendish, Chester-Andover)
- ❖ Show a passion for snow sports
- ❖ Demonstrate excitement about becoming competitive in snow sports

To apply for the scholarship, please complete the following information and submit all materials together by **November 14, 2022**:

Date _____
Applicant's Name: _____ DOB: _____
Snowsport Discipline (ski racing, freestyle, snowboard): _____
Grade: _____
Competition Center Program interested in: _____

Parent/Guardian's name(s): _____
Parent/Guardian's Address: (all correspondence will be mailed to this address)
Street: _____ City: _____
State & Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Please expand on the following on a separate sheet of paper:

Student statement:

Please tell us a little bit about yourself. Also, let us know why would you like to join the competition programs at Okemo Mountain. Or if you have already been involved in the past, what did like most about it?

Applicants in grades K-2 may draw a picture to answer, applicants in grades 3-4 should write 3-4 sentences, applicants in grades 5-6 should write 1-2 short paragraphs.

Parent Statement:

Please share how you think your child will benefit (or has benefited in the past) from participating in the Okemo Mountain Competition Center programs and how this scholarship would help make that possible for him/her.

All materials should be returned in one submission to Okemo Mountain School by one of the following:

Mail: Okemo Mountain School; Attn: Grassroots Scholarship; 53 Main Street; Ludlow, VT 05149

Email: Mariel Meringolo mmeringolo@okemomountainschool.org

Fax: 802-228-1511