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The Pacific Northwest Ski Education Foundation (PNSEF) has been helping ski racers like Debbie Armstrong, Phil and Steve Mahre, and many others in the Pacific Northwest, realize their skiing goals for the past 35 years.

Formed in 1969, PNSEF promotes all aspects of ski competition (alpine, nordic, freestyle, and snowboarding) to racers, coaches, officials, and the general public. Managed by an elected board of trustees, the foundation is the fundraising arm of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association, whose members strive for the ultimate goal of Olympic and World Cup competition on the U. S. Ski Team.

Were it not for initial funding provided by PNSEF, Olympic superstars like Phil and Steve Mahre of White Pass might not have gone on to their stunning Olympic victories. More recently, athletes such as Scott Macartney, Justin Wadsworth, Anton Pogue, and Garth Hager have each benefited from the support provided by PNSEF.

As a fundraising organization, PNSEF relies on a number of diverse sources to keep building principal, to continue funding for existing programs, and to meet the needs of other recipients through new funding modes. An annual fundraising event is held in the Seattle area. It is hoped that additional fun events will be held throughout the division. Another funding vehicle is PNSEF's Elite Pass Program, which is a cooperative venture between PNSEF and the Pacific Northwest Ski Area Operators.

In addition to the many athletes who have benefited from our support, PNSEF also provides funding for B-nets, coaches' education and training, development camps, and educational scholarships.

A Board of Trustees governs PNSEF; half of which are elected at the PNSA convention each spring. Any parents or competitors with more questions about PNSEF are urged to contact a PNSEF trustee for more information. Applications for grants are available from the PNSA website. If you know you are going to need assistance, you must submit an application no later than December 31. Grant applications and information are available on the PNSA website on the PNSEF page (see the left-side navigation bar). All applications are treated with confidentiality.