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The Pacific Northwest Ski Education Foundation (PNSEF) has been helping competitive athletes, including ski racers like Debbie Armstrong, Phil and Steve Mahre, Scott Macartney, Libby Ludlow, Brooke Wales, Tommy Ford, Jacqueline Wiles and many others in the Pacific Northwest, realize their skiing goals for the past 44 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, PNSEF is a supporting organization to 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 Justin Wadsworth, Anton Pogue, Libby Ludlow, Tommy Ford, Torin Koos, Colby Granstrom, Jacqueline Wiles 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, along with several other fun events held throughout the division. Another funding vehicle is the Elite Pass program, which is a cooperative venture between PNSEF, PNSA and the Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association, begun in the mid 1970s.

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

Any parents or competitors with questions about PNSEF are urged to request more information. Contact information is on the ♦[PNSEF website](#), or use this link to send an ♦[email](#). Applications for financial assistance must be submitted no later than December 31st of each season. All applications are now submitted on-line. Please find information on ♦[grant](#) and ♦[scholarship](#) applications on the PNSEF website.

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All applications are treated with confidentiality.