

Jeff Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jeff Patterson, an inspirational teacher and rider, succumbed to a stroke on November 12, 2007, at the age of 43. Jeff's tremendous passion and enthusiasm for snowboarding and skiing positively influenced the lives of all he touched.

Jeff enjoyed a long and successful career in snowboard and ski instruction, starting teaching skiing at Spring Mt. in 1987. He worked at Blue Mt. and Montage in the Poconos, and moved to Vail in 1993. He was involved in PSIA/AASI snowboard programs from their inception, participating in the first level 2 and level 3 snowboard exams offered by the eastern division. He took ongoing training and professional development seriously: he was level 2 alpine certified, level 3 snowboard certified, and children's and freestyle accredited. Jeff served as a trainer and examiner for RM since 1998 and was lead examiner/ snowboard committee chair for several seasons. He was a frequent participant in AASI and other online forums and reviewed articles for TPR and training manuals for Vail Resorts. He sat on both the divisional and national boards of directors, energetically representing the interests of all PSIA/AASI members. His contributions to ASEA are many and significant.

John Anderson, fellow Board member and friend had this to say, "He was an outspoken champion for our profession and for PSIA-AASI. It was a privilege to serve with him on the board. He made so many contributions to us all and we will miss him." Jeff will be remembered as a husband, father, a teacher's teacher, role model, mentor, beloved friend and riding companion to many, many people.

The Jeff Patterson Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by the AASI/PSIA-RM Board of Directors to celebrate Jeff's contributions and reward and recognize front line snowboard instructors. The scholarship awards may be used for membership dues, certification fees, or for continuing education.

Application Requirements

1. Must be currently teaching for a PSIA/AASI-RM member school.
2. Applications must be completed in full.
3. Include a separate page(s) explaining in 1000 words or less your teaching experience, personal teaching goals, how you plan to use the scholarship award, and why you need financial assistance.
4. Include at least two (2) letters of recommendation from your school director, your snowboard trainer or supervisor.

Scholarships that are awarded will not be paid directly to the individual.

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Personal Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Professional Information: (membership not required to be considered for scholarship)

PSIA/AASI-RM Member #: _____ Member Since: _____

Certification Level(s): _____

Snowboard Teaching Background:

Started Teaching: _____ Current Member School: _____

Signature of Current School Director: _____

Why did you become a snowboard instructor? _____

References:

Attach two (2) letters of reference from your current school Director, and snowboard trainer or supervisor.

I certify that all of the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand that my Director and other references may be contacted in regards to the information provided.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail Completed Applications To:

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