

Joe Bishop SSWSC Winter Carnival Grand Marshal Scholarship

Joe and Sara Bishop became supporters of the Steamboat Springs Winters Sports Club when their sons Hunter and Philip skied with the SSWSC. The Bishops have been passionate about the SSWSC and our athletes. Over the past 20 years, they have generously contributed to numerous fundraising events, various SSWSC projects and most recently the Transportation Safety Initiative that replaced all of the club's 15 vehicles over a 3 year period.

Joe kept a roll of \$2 bills in his pocket. When he would see children, whether it was in the supermarket or the post office, he would give them a \$2 bill. It was his "signature" way of a spreading a little kindness to kids. When the Bishops were honored as the 2018 Winter Carnival Grand Marshals, they participated in the Opening Ceremony where Joe approached the princesses and handed each of them a \$2 bill. It was difficult to tell who enjoyed the moment more.

Sadly, Joe passed away in January, 2019. The SSWSC family misses him greatly. His wife Sara, wishes to continue to honor Joe and has established the Joe Bishop SSWSC Winter Carnival Grand Marshal Scholarship. Two-\$2,000 scholarships will be awarded annually to SSWSC student-athletes between the ages of 12-18 years old. Winners will be announced by February 7 each year and the scholarship awards will be presented at the Winter Carnival Opening Ceremony each year.

Below are the criteria and information for scholarship application.

Criteria: Age 12-18 years old

SSWSC student- athlete

Submission: 500-800 word essay demonstrating the following items:

- Athlete's academic successes of challenges
- Financial need
- Athlete's Demonstration of Community Involvement
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor
- Include athlete email and phone information

Fund Distribution: Funds will be applied to athlete's SSWSC account and can be carried forward for one year if fees are already paid in full.

Application Process: <u>Letter must be received no later than February 4, 2022.</u>
Submit letter by email to <u>gburkholder@sswsc.org</u> and <u>ecampbell@sswsc.org</u>

Award Recipients will be presented their scholarship award at the Winter Carnival Opening Ceremony