



Biathlon Student-Athlete Scholarship Information

Overview

Paul Smith's College (PSC) and US Biathlon have partnered to create an opportunity for experienced youth and junior biathletes to continue to pursue biathlon while attending college. Scholarships may be awarded to selected biathletes to enroll as full-time students at Paul Smith's College.

Paul Smith's College is a small college with award-winning programs nestled in the heart of the Great Adirondack wilderness. A biathlon student-athlete program perfectly complements the school's outdoor ethic and connection to endurance and winter Olympic sports while providing U.S. Biathlon with an educational home base for committed student-athletes. The campus is a 40-minute drive from Lake Placid, NY.

Below, you will find information on participating in this great opportunity. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Matt Dougherty at mdougherty@paulsmiths.edu

Training

Training Support

Training support for athletes attending PSC will combine coaching from Matt Dougherty (Head Coach at Paul Smith's College) and the New York Ski Education Foundation.

Training Venues

PSC has recently completed a major upgrade to its trail system, located right next to campus. Along with the trail upgrades, Paul Smith's has an 8-point shooting range and a piston bully for grooming. With these upgrades, students will have great training opportunities right on campus!

Those attending Paul Smith's College should expect to complete about half of their training sessions in Paul Smith's and the other half in Lake Placid.

The Scholarship

PSC has a limited number of scholarships to use at their discretion. Athletes interested in attending Paul Smith's College and obtaining a scholarship must apply directly with Matt Dougherty at PSC.

Important points regarding scholarships:

- Scholarships will be awarded on a yearly basis.
- Scholarships are not guaranteed for more than one year at a time.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on biathlon performance.
- Athletes must remain in good academic standing with PSC to keep their scholarship.
- Athletes must show commitment to biathlon by attending events such as YJWCH Trials, Nationals, NorAms, and regional races when appropriate.

A scholarship *is not required* to take part in this program! Alternatively, you may enroll at Paul Smith's College as a student-athlete and elect to take part in our elite training program

To Apply

Biathletes interested in applying for a scholarship need to:

1. Apply directly with PSC by sending an email to Matt Dougherty (mdougherty@paulsmiths.edu) answering the following questions:
 - What are your short- and long-term goals for biathlon?
 - How will attending Paul Smith's College help you achieve those goals?
 - Why is Paul Smith's College a good fit for you academically?
 - How will you balance your class schedule with a full-time training program? .
2. Begin the student enrollment process at Paul Smith's College. To get started with this, contact Matt Dougherty at mdougherty@paulsmiths.edu.

Additional information about Paul Smith's College program offerings can be found at <https://www.paulsmiths.edu/>.