

Triwest Health Care Alliance Scholarship

2006 Sadler's Ultra Challenge (June 29 – July 4, 2006)

Funding Eligibility Criteria

In an effort to further develop wheelchair racers and handcyclists through participation in the Sadler's Ultra Challenge – the longest and toughest race in the world – Challenge Alaska has partnered with Triwest Health Care Alliance to offer a scholarship for the 2006 event. " The entry fee for the event is \$1,200 this year, which is a significant expense when coupled with the airfare to Anchorage. This partnership with Triwest Health Care Alliance will help an athlete experience the event who would otherwise be unable to attend." said race director, Heather Plucinski.

The scholarship covers 100% of the entry fee, and any wheelchair athlete who is a member of USHF, DSUSA or WSUSA, is eligible. In order to qualify, athletes must:

- Be a current member of WSUSA, or DSUSA in good standing
- Send a formal letter of endorsement from his/her coach stating that he/she is training for the Ultra Challenge and will be able to push a handcycle or racing wheelchair 50 miles a day for six straight days.
- Submit a proposal letter that includes the following details / answers:
 - Why the Ultra Challenge is important
 - Personal goals for success at the Ultra Challenge (i.e. "just finishing" , "top three", etc.)
 - Why he/she needs financial assistance in order to participate
 - History of participation in the sport, including how he/she got started and top 10 all-time results
 - Who, if anyone, was/is most influential his/her career
 - Occupation
 - Does he/she volunteer for any community service programs? What? Why?
 - Outside of sports, what does he/she like to do in their spare time?

Only one athlete will be selected to receive the 2006 Triwest Health Care Alliance Scholarship. Athletes who have not previously participated in the Ultra Challenge will be given priority consideration, although all athletes are encouraged to apply. The selection committee is made-up of representatives from the Challenge Alaska staff and Board of Directors, and staff from Triwest Health Care Alliance. Applications may be submitted via email or post, and must be received by May 15, 2006.

For detailed information about the 2006 Sadler's Ultra Challenge, please visit:

<http://www.challengealaska.org>.

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