## ACSA Future Leaders Program Explained:

If you have ever sat in a meeting and heard, "we need to get our young people involved" then you need to read this article. ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Associations) has heard this phrase many times and have responded by starting a young leader's program. This program is called ACSA future leaders program and within this program we have started two groups focusing on young riders. The first group is called Next Gen National Riders (NGNR) which is a group of 21- to 30-year-old young adults that want to help and learn about snowmobiling on all levels; national, state and local. These young adults will also mentor and help educate the Trail Blazers In Training (TBIT). The Trail Blazers are the younger adults from ages 16 to 20 who will be mentored by the NGNR.

It has taken time to gather information and to get the program set up. What we are looking for now is a volunteer coordinator. Someone that has a passion for snowmobiling, is willing to mentor young adults and has a desire to see these young people succeed to take over leadership positions within our organization. We have an <u>application for a coordinator</u> on our website at ACSA. Deadline is March 1, 2025. There are also applications online for the future leader's program. The deadline for <u>applications for the NGNR position</u> is March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

What we need now from all of you is help in publicizing this program, mentors and sponsors.

- Publicizing that we need a volunteer coordinator and future leaders. Go to the website and apply.
- Mentors, for all those within your state that want to get involved but have no idea how or where to go.
- And finally, we need sponsors. Sponsors to help with financial contributions. These sponsors will help in making sure that the young leaders can take advantage of all that ACSA has to offer. It is expensive to travel to Washington DC, for the ACSA Fly In. It is expensive to have young leaders at the mountain and riding region meetings. Your financial contributions will help ACSA train young people for future leadership roles in our sport.

You asked! We responded! Now we need action<mark>! Financial contributions can be made online or by sending a check to ACSA and earmarking it for the Future Leaders Program</mark>. ACSA is a 501(C3) organization, so all contributions are tax deductible. Sponsorship levels from \$50.00 on up are included in this information and are included in the ACSA link in case you want to become a sponsor.



