



## NOMINATION FORM

For

### HONORED MEMBERSHIP

In The

### U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME

Candidate's Name: Kit DesLauriers

Date & Place of Birth: Albany, New York (1969)

Address of Candidate:

[REDACTED]

Telephone Number:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Is the candidate still living? Yes

#### Nominator information:

Name: Charlie Sanders

Address:

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For what category are you nominating this candidate?

Athlete: \_\_x\_\_

Snowsports Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

(See appendix one at the end of this form for category definitions)

**An 8 x 10 photograph of the candidate must be supplied:**

See attached

**State why the candidate merits election to the U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame (limit this statement to 250 words):**

Iconic American and international ski champion Kit DesLauriers is easily one of the most accomplished ski mountaineers in history. She is most frequently celebrated for becoming the first person, not just the first woman, to climb and ski the seven summits (the highest mountains on each of the seven continents), but her accomplishments reach far beyond that spectacular, global achievement.

Her seven summits quest began in May 2004, when she became the first American woman to climb and ski from the summit of the highest peak in America -- Mount McKinley, in Alaska. This was followed in 2005 with a descent from Mount Elbrus in Russia (Europe's highest peak), a descent from Mount Kosciuszko (the highest mountain in Australia), Vinson Massif (the highest peak on Antarctica) and Aconcagua, Argentina (the highest peak in South America). In spring 2006, she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain and skied from the top. Finally, on October 18, 2006, DesLauriers pushed off of the summit of Mount Everest and made history as the first person to ski from the world's tallest summits.

Kit is also a two-time women's world freeskiing champion, winning back-to-back titles in 2004 and 2005.

Beyond the 7 Summits, Kit has made several first ski descents of the highest peaks in the Brooks Range of Alaska. She is also the first woman to climb and ski Mount Aspiring in New Zealand, and only the third woman to climb and ski the Grand Teton in Wyoming. In 2015 Kit was named a National Geographic Adventurer of the Year for her merging of science and adventure in the US Arctic.

Finally, Kit is the author of the autobiography *Higher Love*, one of the finest and most popular books on skiing and ski mountaineering published in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. She is also a certified Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician, a Professional Ski Patroller, a Helicopter Rescue Technician, and volunteers with Search and Rescue.

**In chronological order by year, list the candidate's achievements:**

2004 Woman's World Freeskiing Champion;

2005 Back to back Woman's World Freeskiing Champion;

2006 First person ever to accomplish climbing and skiing from the summit of the highest peak on all seven continents, including Mount Everest;

2007- Numerous first descents on mountains throughout the world;  
2019

2014 Publication of autobiography, "Higher Love";

2015 Honored as a National Geographic Adventurer of the Year.

**On one page provide additional data, anecdotes, etc. that you feel are pertinent to this nomination:**

“When I met Kit, I knew she had what it takes to succeed at whatever she set out to accomplish. I’m honored that my Seven Summits experience prompted her to discover whether she could ski those summits. And I’m thrilled that the answer was ‘yes’!” —  
**Dick Bass**, late owner of Snowbird Ski Resort, co-author of *Seven Summits*

A copy of Kit’s book “Higher Love” will be provided if requested.

**Please list the names and addresses of those people who are supporting this nomination (Minimum of three - limit six):**

Board Member Charles Sanders (details on file)

Board Member Frida Waara (details on file)

Board Member Genia Fuller-Crews (details on file)

**Please provide a list of sources for visual material that can be used at the candidate’s induction presentation:**

There is an enormous amount of compelling visual and audio visual material that can be provided, especially concerning the Seven Summits achievements

//Charles J. Sanders//

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Signature of nominator

Mail completed nomination form to: U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 191, Ishpeming, MI 49849 or email to: [administrator@skihall.com](mailto:administrator@skihall.com)

**Kit DesLauriers,  
First Person to Ski the  
7 Summits**

