

# Scholarship Opportunities

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RE: Scholarship updates

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I am including scholarship information in this mailing for all Seniors. I understand that not everyone may have plans to attend college/university/vo-tech next year, but if you haven't decided yet—it's important you have the information. For those interested in visiting with any branch of the military, please let me know and I can arrange for visits at school.

Please remember to fill out your FAFSAs. You need to first create your FSA ID (the student and one parent each have to create one). These can be created by logging in to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). **The preferred deadline for FAFSA completion was December 1. If you have not submitted a FAFSA, it is not too late. Submit one as soon as you can. Please call me at 357-2454 if you have any questions.**

A great scholarship link can be found at [www.reachhighermontana.org](http://www.reachhighermontana.org). Click on the "Scholly" link. This link is sponsored by the Reach Higher Montana Foundation, so these are all legitimate scholarships.

Again, I always encourage you to utilize Montana Career Information System for updated scholarship information as well. Go to [www.mtcis.intocareers.org](http://www.mtcis.intocareers.org) and click on the "general use" tab. Simply type in Chinook & our zip code. This will open the MTCIS website, which all students worked in during career class as freshmen, so they should be familiar with navigating the site. Click on the "Education" tab, and below and to the right is a column of "how to pay for college". There is information on financial aid as well as a list of Montana Scholarships. It would be worth taking the time to look through which of these would apply to you—notice that many are college-specific.

Remember to utilize [www.mus.edu](http://www.mus.edu) for Montana University System scholarships. Enclosed are 2-sided fact sheets explaining the Montana University System Honor Scholarship, Governor's Best & Brightest High School Merit Scholarship, and Montana's STEM Scholarship.

Christmas break is a great time to work on scholarships. It's not too soon to start asking for letters of recommendation for the Lloyd Sweet Scholarship—remember you need three and you are responsible for submitting them with your application and transcript by March 1.

The following are the latest scholarships I have received (you are not at all limited to these—please expand your searches):

1. Montana State University Premier Freshman Scholarships: Must apply for admission to Montana State University. Have your official ACT or SAT scores sent to Montana State University directly from the testing company. Complete and submit the Montana Premier Scholarship to MSU Admissions. Deadline: February 1, 2017.  
[www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/res.html](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/res.html).

2. Montana State University 2016 Presidential Scholarship: Application completed online only and must be submitted electronically. Must apply for admission to Montana State University, have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 and a composite score of 30 on the ACT, or 2000 on the SAT. Two letters of recommendation complete all requirements of the application.  
[www.montana.edu/honors/scholarship.html](http://www.montana.edu/honors/scholarship.html).
3. Lgbtq: The Pride Foundation awards scholarships to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and straight ally student leaders in the Northwest. Scholarships can be used for any post-secondary education. Learn more and apply at [www.pridefoundation.org](http://www.pridefoundation.org), **deadline is January 13, 2017**.
4. MSU-Northern New Student Scholarship: Personal Essay, current transcript, letter of recommendation, ACT/SAT scores. **Deadline: February 10, 2017**.  
[www.msun.edu/finaid/docs/17-18NewStuScholarshipApp.pdf](http://www.msun.edu/finaid/docs/17-18NewStuScholarshipApp.pdf).
5. Montana's STEM Scholarship Program: Designed to provide an incentive for Montana high school students to prepare for, enter into, and complete degrees in postsecondary fields related to science, technology, engineering, mathematics and healthcare. **Due March 15, 2017**.  
[www.mus.edu](http://www.mus.edu), click on "Scholarships".
6. Montana Jaycee Foundation Scholarship: \$1000 Scholarship for Montana seniors. Download the application at [www.mtjcisenate.org](http://www.mtjcisenate.org) or [www.usjcisenate.org](http://www.usjcisenate.org). Click on Scholarship & Senatorship Forms, then select the MT JC Scholarship Application form. **Deadline is January 14, 2017**. [www.mtjcisenate.org](http://www.mtjcisenate.org).
7. 2017 Youth Serve Montana Scholarship (\$1000): apply online at <http://serve.mt.gov>. This scholarship recognizes high school students for volunteering. Students must have a minimum of 100 hours of volunteer service and planning to attend a Montana College or University. Up to 100 scholarships will be awarded. **Deadline is January 31, 2017**.
8. MSU Billings Scholarships: Seniors planning to attend MSU Billings in the fall, go to [www.msubillings.edu/scholarships/](http://www.msubillings.edu/scholarships/). **The priority deadline is February 1, 2017**.
9. National Society Daughters of the American Revolution: Consists of many scholarships, including American Indian Scholarships and Political science, History, Government and Economics Scholarships. Go to [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) and follow the scholarships link for detailed information regarding the scholarship programs. **All scholarship materials must be postmarked by February 10, 2017**.
10. Hill County Electric: Go to [www.hcelectric.com/scholarships](http://www.hcelectric.com/scholarships) for application forms. The **MT Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA) Scholarship is due January 31, 2017**. Other HCE Scholarships are **due March 1, 2017**.
11. The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship: The FRS offers annual scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. FRS funds \$2,000 of each scholarship, and Triangle Communications awards the remaining \$500 for a total award of \$2,500. The FRS College Scholarship Program seeks to encourage students to return to their rural communities upon completing their education. To apply, go to [www.itstriangle.com/frs-scholarship](http://www.itstriangle.com/frs-scholarship). **A form requesting endorsement from the Triangle Communications CEO needs to be completed by February 15 in order to receive the endorsement. Scholarship application deadline is March 1, 2017**.

12. Lloyd D. Sweet Educational Scholarship (\$500-\$2400+): Go to chinookmontana.com and click on the "about Chinook" tab and scroll down to "scholarships" for criteria and application. Please note that students will need three letters of recommendation and their transcript for this scholarship. **Deadline is March 1, 2017.**
13. State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship: Applicants must meet the following criteria: Be a 2016 graduating high school senior, have a cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.2, and plan to enroll full-time for the 2016-17 academic year at an accredited 2-or 4-year college or technical school. Go to <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighborscholarship/>. Scholarship is available January, 2017. **Deadline is March, 2017.**
14. Montana Food Distributors Association: Go to [www.mfda.biz](http://www.mfda.biz), "MFDA Forms & Apps". Applicants should be associated with the Food Industry through either employment of family relationships within the industry. **Application deadline is March 14, 2017.**
15. Montana Clerk & Recorder's Scholarship (\$1,000): applicant must be a graduating senior who will be attending an in-state school. Please pick up an application from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is March 15, 2017.**
16. Billings Clinic Health Career Scholarship (\$500-\$1000): This is a merit-based scholarship for students who are pursuing a career in health care and who plan to attend an accredited technical school, college or university in Montana or Wyoming. Scholarship applications and eligibility requirements can be found at <http://www.billingsclinic.com/foundation/scholarships>. **All completed applications must be post-marked by March 15, 2017.**
17. Montana Community Foundation (MCF): (\$500-\$5,000): The MCF offers more than 150 scholarships to deserving Montana students each year. Begin applying January 1, 2017 by visiting [www.mtcf.org/applications](http://www.mtcf.org/applications). **Most applications are due by March 17, 2017.**
18. Triangle Communications Scholarships (40-\$1,000): To be eligible, applicant must be a subscriber or a dependent of a subscriber who receives landline telephone, broadband or mobile telephone service from TC. Eligible applicants must be pursuing their first degree or certificate and must not have been a recipient of a Triangle scholarship in the past. Scholarship applications and eligibility requirements can be found at [www.itstriangle.com/youth-support/scholarships](http://www.itstriangle.com/youth-support/scholarships). **Deadline is April 1, 2017.**
19. Montana PTA Scholarships: (\$1,000): The Montana PTA Scholarship Program offers financial assistance to students entering a Montana college or university with plans to become an educator. This year they are awarding one (1) \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior in Montana. Application forms can be found on the Montana PTA website at [www.montanapta.org](http://www.montanapta.org). Click on the "Scholarship" tab. **Deadline is April 1, 2017.**
20. Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (2-\$750): to be awarded to two graduating Montana high school seniors who are seeking careers in local law enforcement. Recipients will be selected based on financial need and academic ability, as well as career goals. Please pick up scholarship guidelines from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is April 15, 2017.**
21. 2016 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest (\$2,000, \$1,000, \$500): Go to [www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest) for scholarship contest rules. Mr. Hayes is offering extra credit to those who apply for this scholarship. Scholarship opens January 1, 2017. **Deadline is April 16, 2017.**

22. Black Mountain Software Scholarship (\$500): Go to [www.blackmountainsoftware.com/support/scholarship.html](http://www.blackmountainsoftware.com/support/scholarship.html) for application form, instructions and essay requirements. This scholarship is for Montana students. Completed applications must be mailed to: Black Mountain Software; ATTN: Scholarship Application Committee; 145 Southlake Crest, Ste. 1; Polson, MT 59860. **Deadline is April 15, 2017.**
23. Horatio Alger Association Scholarship: 50 Montana High School Seniors will receive \$7,000 for college from the Horatio Alger Association, funded by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, plus receive a \$5,000 match from the participating Montana college. For eligibility (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income is required) and application, visit <http://scholars.horatioalger.org/applicants>. **Deadline is April 15, 2017.**
24. Montana Coaches Association Scholarships: The Montana Coaches Association is proud to offer college scholarships to eligible Montana high school students who have lettered in at least two varsity sports (one during their senior year). Go to [www.montanacoaches.com](http://www.montanacoaches.com) and click on "scholarships". Scholarship available January 1, 2017. **Deadline is May 1, 2017.**
25. Montana Seed Show Scholarship: Applicant must be a high school senior attending college or trade school next year. The scholarship will be awarded to an individual who has shown excellence in scholastic achievement ("C" average or above), community involvement, extra-curricular sports and/or clubs, and participation in the Montana Seed Show. Applications are available from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is May 1, 2017.**
26. Universal Athletic Scholarship: (\$500): Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to an outstanding male and female for one year, to be used at a Montana college or university. Students who have earned a full athletic or scholastic scholarship will not be considered. Special attention will be given to students with plans to enter the field of education. For a list of additional criteria and application visit the website at [www.universalathletic.com](http://www.universalathletic.com). Mrs. Friede also has copies of this application. **Deadline is June 1, 2017.**
27. Northcentral Montana Cattlewomen & Northcentral Montana Stockgrowers Scholarship: (\$500): This scholarship is offered to young men or women who reside in Montana in the areas of Northern Choteau County, Hill County and Blaine County. Preference will be given to applicants interested in the fields of elementary education, agriculture, or family and consumer science (education, extension, foods, nutrition and dietetics), as well as a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Applications available from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is March 15, 2017.**
28. International Order of Odd Fellows & Rebekah Assembly of Montana: (5-\$500): This scholarship is offered to Montana graduating seniors with a **cumulative GPA of 3.0 or lower**. The applicant must attend a college, university, vo-tech, business, nursing or beauty school in Montana. Applications are available from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is March 25, 2017.**
29. Lions Scholarship: (\$300): Up to 4 awarded. Scholarship based on college-prep curriculum, GPA and ACT scores. **Deadline is April 1, 2017.** Pick up and return applications to Mrs. Friede.
30. John W. and Evelyn Vogt Memorial Scholarship: For the individual beginning a program of study in any agriculture field. Applicant must be a graduating senior of Chinook High School, enrolled in agriculture classes or an active member of the FFA program. Applications available from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is April 1, 2017.**

31. Justin Overcast Memorial Ag Scholarship: Applicant must be a graduating senior of Chinook High School, be enrolled in or have taken agriculture classes or been an active member of FFA, GPA of 2.0 or better, must be pursuing additional education in an Ag or mechanics-related field. Applications available from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is April 1, 2017.**
32. Dawn Marie Zellmer Memorial Medical Field Scholarship: Applicant must be a female from a Blaine County High School, GPA of 3.0 or better, must be pursuing a degree in human or animal medical field. Applications available from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is April 1, 2017.**
33. Montana 4-H Scholarship: The Montana 4-H Foundation supports 4-H initiatives that focus on healthy living, citizenship, leadership, science, engineering and technology, to name a few. Scholarships and grants provide opportunities for youth and adults to strengthen their skills and maximize their positive impacts on the communities in which they live. Go to [montana4h.org](http://montana4h.org). **Deadline is April 1, 2017.**
34. CHS High School Scholarships Program: (100-\$1000): Graduating high school seniors pursuing a degree in an agricultural-related field at any college or university throughout the U.S. and Canada are invited to apply. Students pursuing a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) field of study with an interest in agriculture or energy related careers will be considered. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.chsinc.com/stewardship/scholarships>, **deadline is April 1, 2017.**
35. Montana State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship (\$500): Applicants must be a high school senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applications available from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is April 1, 2017.**
36. Red Rock Power, Inc.: This is a local scholarship, sponsored by Mary Pyette and family. To be eligible, student must enroll in and complete at least 12 quarter or semester hours of college/vo-tech work while maintaining a B average. Applications are available from Mrs. Friede. **Deadline is May 1, 2017.**

Please call or email me with any questions. This list can also be found on the [www.chinookschools.org](http://www.chinookschools.org) site. Go to the "Counselor" section and click on "Chinook Senior Scholarship Opportunities".

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