



DELANEY DOHERTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The *Delaney Doherty Memorial Scholarship* was established in 2023 to honor the life and memory of Delaney Doherty, a 17-year-old who was going to be a Senior at Manhattan High School and incoming Student Body President when an impaired driver took her life in a motor vehicle accident on August 3, 2023.

Delaney was a stand-out athlete, excelling in softball and volleyball while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She radiated goodness and kindness to anyone and everyone she met and left behind a ton of family and friends who loved her dearly and deeply. We wish to honor the “light, love, and spirit” that Delaney so effortlessly shined by awarding two scholarships in her name.

WHAT IS IT:

Two separate \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to 12th-grade students at Manhattan Public Schools (one young man and one young woman) who aspire to continue their education or training beyond high school in any U.S. accredited training, licensing, certification program, or institution of higher education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

High school seniors in good standing who will graduate from Manhattan High School (Manhattan, Montana) that meet the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above on a 4.0 scale for the previous two-and-one-half academic years (10th grade through first-semester 12th grade only)
- Plans to continue their education or training beyond high school in any U.S. accredited training, licensing, certification program, or institution of higher learning
- Intentions to attend school the year immediately following high school graduation (no gap years)

HOW CAN THE SCHOLARSHIP BE USED:

Recipients can use the scholarship for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for course instruction at accredited post-high school training institutions. The scholarship helps pay for training that leads to certification in a trade school, technical school, two-year college, or four-year university.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Scholarship applications must be submitted to the Manhattan High School Guidance Office by **May 1st** of the current school year. *Please note that application packages may not be faxed or emailed.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed application
- Two letters of recommendation
- Completed essay (essay requirements are detailed on the next page)
- An official school transcript

**DELANEY DOHERTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLACK INK.

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

POST-GRADUATION PLANS:

CAREER INTEREST:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

APPLICANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

APPLICANT PHONE

APPLICANT EMAIL

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING FOUR ITEMS:

- One letter of reference from a Manhattan School District employee
- One letter of reference from a Manhattan community member
- An official copy of your high school transcript
- A completed essay that satisfies the requirements detailed below

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

- Essays should be typed on 8.5 x 11-inch paper and be no more than 2-3 pages long (please use 11- or 12-point font)
- Please include a discussion on each of the following topics:
 - o Activities (sports, clubs, leadership groups, church groups, part-time jobs, extracurriculars, etc.)
 - o Community service or volunteerism
 - o Positive impact (How have you positively impacted the lives of others?)
 - o Your legacy (What kind of legacy do you want to leave? How do you want to be remembered?)
 - o Optional topic: Unique hardships (unexpected family expenses, special medical needs, etc.)
- Please separate the above topics into different sections and title each section clearly.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A Board of Directors or a panel of judges will choose the winners
- We will present the scholarships to the winners at the Manhattan Schools Awards Banquet in the spring
- The scholarship is non-renewable and is awarded only once to each winner
- The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school or institution of higher learning on behalf of the student
- Depending on fund-raising and overall fund performance, we may be able to give out more than two scholarships each year. We will consider additional discretionary scholarships on a year-to-year basis.