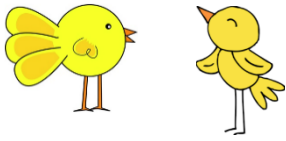


C.M.R HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS MARCH 2024-2025



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- AWARD NIGHT IS April 30th

Financial Aid Information

The 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA forms for the current senior class is available online. The information needed on the FAFSA form will be based on your and your parents' tax information from 2023. Before you can apply for FAFSA you and your parents will have to create a PIN. You can do this at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. **File your FAFSA now.**

Time to Register - Selective Service and You

All male United States citizens and male aliens residing in the U.S. and its territories must register with Selective Service within the period starting 30 days before and ending 30 days after their 18th birthday. Log on to www.sss.gov and you can get yourself registered in about 5 minutes. If you have any questions or need assistance, please see Mr. Budeski in the Advisement Center.

MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HONOR SCHOLARSHIP

MUS Honor Scholarship

All seniors were mailed information about the MUS Honor Scholarship. The MUS Honor Scholarship is a 4-year renewable scholarship that waives the recipient's tuition when used at an eligible campus. Applying for the scholarship is a multi-step process. You must complete each of the following steps by the deadline in order for your application to be considered complete.

1. Take the ACT or SAT test by December of your senior year.
2. Apply to and be accepted by one of the eligible campuses
3. Register at www.mus.edu/scholarships
4. Have **Mrs. Lowry** complete the section of the application to verify that you are on track to meet the Rigorous Core requirement.
5. Submit your application online, along with required documents, before March 15th. **Please see Mrs. Lowry if you have any questions! *You are able to apply for all 3 MUS scholarships at this site, the MUS Honor Scholarship, Merit and STEM scholarship.**

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Montana STEM Scholarship

This \$6,000 scholarship will be awarded to those students seeking a STEM or Healthcare field degree. Applicant must meet specific math and science high school credit requirements and be accepted by an eligible Montana campus. Application and eligibility requirements can be found at www.mus.edu/scholarships. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2025.

Montana State University-MT American Indian Waiver

This covers tuition and prorates according to a student's credit load. Student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress with financial aid to be eligible. Applicant must be a MT resident, provide documentation of tribal membership and have completed a FAFSA showing financial need. Apply at msuadmissions.org/application.

Montana State University Treasure State First Generation Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to MT residents who self-report first-generation status on their application for admission. This is a four-year renewable scholarship that can be stacked on top of the MT Premier Scholarship.

Montana Resident Freshman Scholarships

Hundreds of renewable scholarships between \$1,000 and \$4,000 will be available to freshman entering MSU. If you are planning on attending MSU next year visit [Montana Resident Freshmen Scholarships - Undergraduate Admissions | Montana State University](#) for more information and deadlines.

Husted Endowed Scholarship

The Husted Endowed Scholarship is available to graduates of Great Falls High School, C.M. Russell High School, and Great Falls Central Catholic High School who have declared a program of study at the College of Business with a preference toward Business and Finance majors. The recipient must be a full-time student enrolled for a minimum of 15 credits per semester, must have and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, show evidence of campus/community involvement/civic engagement, and demonstrate financial need. Visit <https://msubillings.academicworks.com/opportunities/5215> Deadline to apply is September 30, 2025.

MONTANA PRIVATE COLLEGES

University of Providence Scholarships

The University of Providence will award Academic Merit Scholarships and Competitive Academic Awards. Information and applications are available at <https://www.uprovidence.edu/financial-services/scholarships/>

Carroll College

Carroll College will be offering several merit scholarships and a Montana Advantage Award on incoming freshman. Visit <https://www.carroll.edu/scholarships-aid/scholarships-new-students> for scholarship opportunities to this venerable Montana institution.

MONTANA TECH SCHOLARSHIP

Montana Tech offers approximately \$1 million in scholarships to incoming freshman. Apply at <https://www.mtech.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/index.html>

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Audrey Wilbur Ewing Registered Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to any Great Falls senior seeking a Bachelor's Degree in the field of nursing and who has a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 Applicants must provide a cover sheet, resume, personal statement, transcript, and a letter of reference. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due to D.A. Davidson before March 31, 2025.

Suhr Family Scholarship

This \$1,500 in-state or out-of-state scholarship is for students attending accredited colleges and completing a four-year curriculum resulting in a bachelor's degree. Recipient's selection will be based primarily on financial need and the following considerations: scholastic standing, citizenship, personality, leadership ability, perseverance and resourcefulness. Recipients must have had a GPA average "B" (3.0) for all four years of school. This scholarship is renewable each year, contingent on funds and grades earned in college. Applicant must meet eligibility requirements for renewal. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due back March 31, 2025.

Ralph Hauge Memorial Scholarship

The Ralph Hauge Memorial trust was established in 2009 after the passing of Alta Hauge. The purpose of this award is to provide funds for graduating seniors from any accredited high school located in Great Falls.

Applicants will be selected based on economic need, intention of being a full-time student and maintaining at least a "B" average. This award is renewable and is calculated at 75% of the average published expense of tuition, fees, room and board at the two universities in Montana. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due back March 31, 2025.

Fred and Marie Barnard Scholarship

Winner of this \$1,500 in-state or out-of-state scholarship will be selected on the following criteria:

- √ Financial Need: Students must demonstrate in their statements on the application why they are in need of this scholarship.
- √ Grade Point Average: Priority will be given to high grade point average with consideration for the student's class load and difficulty of subjects taken.
- √ Higher Education Plan: Student must have a plan to complete a program of post-secondary education. Goals should be realistic.
- √ Personal Efforts for Further Education: Student must demonstrate diligence in pursuing his/her education.
- √ Volunteerism in Community, Church, or High School: Student needs to demonstrate contributions. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due back March 31, 2025.

Gladis Gerrity Scholarship

This \$5,000 in-state or out-of-state scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior with a financial need who has not received another substantial scholarship. This scholarship can be renewed based on the student meeting certain performance requirements. Recipient will be selected based on: 1) economic need; 2) recipient shall not have received or be receiving any other substantial scholarship grants; 3) GPA of "C" average or above; 4) recipient must be of good moral character. Applicant must meet eligibility requirements for renewal. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due back March 31, 2025.

Montana Clerk and Records Association Scholarship

The Montana Clerk and Records Association is offering a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship for graduating seniors from Great Falls High Schools who plan to attend an in-state college or university. Applications can be picked up in the Advisement Center and are due to the County Clerk no later than March 14^h.

Cascade County DUI Task Force

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors who have had involvement with substance abuse, either personally or within their immediate family, or through organizations promoting a substance-free lifestyle. Student will submit a letter of request describing how substance abuse has affected their life and their accomplishments and educational goals, a transcript, and two letters of endorsement. Applications are available in Advisement Center. Deadline is April 11th.

Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers Scholarships

Seeking a career in local law enforcement? MSPOA announces the availability of two \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded for the fall semester of 2024 to a graduating high school senior who is seeking a career in local law enforcement. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and will be selected on the basis of need and academic ability as well as career goals. Applications are available in the Advisement Center. Apply at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNHTK5W>. Deadline is April 15th.

North Central MT Retired Educator's Association

This \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to a senior planning to major in education and attending a MT college or university. Scholarship will be based on financial need, academic achievement, citizenship, school/community involvement and a one-page essay and personal references. Application is available in the Advisement Center and is due March 15.

Clearwater Credit Union Scholarship

Eight \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating students who are members of (or family members) of Clearwater Credit Union. Applicant must provide transcript, two letters of reference including one from a teacher, counselor, or faculty member. Application is available at www.clearwatercreditunion.org/scholarships

Montana Food Distributors Association Scholarship

The Montana Food Distributors Association scholarship is for students who are associated with the food industry through either employment or family relationships within the industry. Applicants will be judged on grades, financial need, accomplishments, letters of reference, and an essay written by the applicant. Applications are available in the Advisement Center. Application deadline is March 14th.

Great Falls Housing Authority Scholarship

This \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student currently residing in a GFHA public housing complex or whose family is assisted with housing rents through Section 8. Selection criteria will be based on the application, scholastic achievement, leadership, educational goals, and consistent school attendance. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due to GFHA before April 11, 2025.

Montana Farm Bureau Federation Scholarships

Montana Farm Bureau Federation and the Cascade County Farm Bureau is offering several scholarships to students entering college during the 2024-2025 school year. Applicant, or the applicant's family, must be a current paid Montana Farm Bureau member. Applications will be judged on scholastic achievement, goals, community activities and school activities. Applications are available at <https://mfbf.org/Foundation/Foundation-Scholarships> and must be mailed to CCFB County President before April 1, 2025.



ART SCHOLARSHIPS

OC Seltzer Scholarship Award

Two \$1,500 scholarships, one for each high school campus, will be awarded each spring for students pursuing higher education in the visual arts. Student must be a graduating senior from any of the Great Falls Public High Schools pursuing a post-secondary degree in the visual arts including high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in one of the following disciplines: art history, art education, architecture or the fine arts. Applications are available in the Advisement Center. Submission deadline is March 21, 2025.

Studio 706 Artist Guild-Bill Chigbrow Memorial Scholarship

Studio 706 Artist Guild will present a \$800 scholarship to a Cascade County high school student. The criteria for this scholarship is based on artistic merit and educational objectives. Applicant's art work will be shown in a special section of the Great Falls Art Week. Applications are available in the Advisement Center. Application deadline is March 19, 2025.

Arts Association of MT Val Knight Art Merit Award

AAM will award \$300 to an outstanding CMR senior art student. Applicants are to include a cover letter with a portfolio that details the artist's intent and gives examples of qualities valued by Val Knight. These include personal devotion to art, a spirit of curiosity with experimentation and a practical understanding of composition and design. See Ms. Jacobs for information and/or to turn in your portfolio/cover letter.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MILITARY STUDENTS

Malmstrom Spouses Club Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to active duty, retired and deceased dependents of MAFB and MANG personnel. The scholarship will be awarded based on a brief essay, leadership statement, academic record and letter of recommendation. Applicant must have a 2.8 GPA, be a high school senior and reside in Cascade County. Applicant must not be receiving a full scholarship or appointment or any military service academy. The amount of this scholarship is based on funds raised through fundraising efforts throughout the year. Application and supporting documents must be postmarked no later than March 31.

Vets4Vets of Great Falls Scholarship

V4V is providing \$500 scholarships to seniors with at least one parent who has served or retired in any of the military branches, National Guard or Reserves. Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 gpa and will need to provide a personal bio and a 500 word or less statement on the subject theme: As a veteran's dependent, how do you help veterans? Applications and additional criteria information is available in the Advisement Center. Deadline is April 30, 2025. <https://vets4vetsmt.org/scholarships>

Roger E. McConnell Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded with the purpose of assisting Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard military members, Honorably Discharged Veterans, their children and grandchildren by providing scholarship dollars to assist with education expenses for college, trade school or apprenticeship programs. Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA minimum and provide a letter of recommendation. Applications and additional criteria information is available in the Advisement Center. Deadline is April 30, 2025. <https://vets4vetsmt.org/scholarships>

Ian McBeth Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is available to students who are dependents of MANG members. This scholarship can be used in-state or out-of-state. Applicant will be judged on service/leadership, demonstration of motivation, character, ability, and potential, essay, prior academic performance and recommendations. Deadline is April 15th, 2025. Applications are available at <https://www.ianmcbethfoundation.com/scholarship>



MISC SCHOLARSHIPS

Horatio Alger Scholarship

The Horatio Alger Association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a college education, and a desire to contribute to society. Scholarships range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Several scholarships are available and each has unique qualifications and deadlines, so APPLY EARLY. Applications are available at: <http://scholars.horatioalger.org>.

The DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest

Created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. This award recognizes and rewards high school seniors who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities. If you possess the qualities listed above, please see your counselor to arrange time to write the DAR essay.

2025 Big Sun Scholarship

This scholarship is for a student athlete, regardless of which sport they are in. Award is \$500 and deadline is June 19, 2025. Check it out at www.bigsunathletics.com.

American Indian Education Foundation Scholarship

The American Indian Education Foundation was established to support educational opportunities for American Indian and Alaska native students. Decisions are based on an overall assessment of the application. Must be enrolled as a full-time student. Applications are available at www.aiefprogram.org. Early deadline for an extra point is March 1; final submission deadline is April 4th.

Future Empowerment Scholarship

This scholarship is used to encourage and empower students to pursue a post-high school path of study at a college/university, trade school, military or other institution. Applicant will submit a completed application, two letters of recommendation, and a transcript. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due before April 5th.

CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships>

<https://myscholly.com>

<https://studentscholarships.org/newsletter>

<https://bold.org/scholarships/>



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