



## **C.M.R HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP NEWS MARCH 2026**

### **ART SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **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 18, 2026.**

#### **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.

#### **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. **Application deadline is March 21, 2025**

### **ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **Blewett North Central MT Wrestling Scholarship**

This is a \$500 scholarship to one senior wrestler from up to four schools around North Central MT. Student must also exhibit strong academic achievements to win this scholarship. Scholarship can be used in or out of state. A typed application must be received by **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Application can be found at <https://www.hoytblewett.com/community/blewett-statewide-wrestling-scholarships>

#### **2026 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, 2026**. Check it out at [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com)

### **BUSINESS MAJORS**

#### **Husted Endowed Scholarship - MSU Billings**

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, 2026**

### **EDUCATION MAJORS.**

#### **K. Louise Bardwell Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship**

This scholarship is for a student pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education who demonstrates good citizenship and community service, with a GPA of at least a 3.4. It is a \$2500 scholarship, renewable for up to 4

years, and will be awarded to a student attending any Montana university system school. This scholarship is sponsored by the D.A. Davidson Trust Company. Deadline is **March 31, 2026** and applications can be found in the Advisement Center.

### **Clearwater Community Federal Credit Union Scholarship**

One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in education, in memory of William R. "Lefty" Campbell. Seven \$2,500 general scholarship awarded to any college-bound senior pursuing any field of study. **Due March 31, 2026.** Go to <https://clearwatercreditunion.org/programs/community-programs/scholarship-program/> for more information and to apply.

### **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, 2026**

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### **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 2026 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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **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 opens December 8, 2025 and is found at <https://www.malmstromspousesclub.com/scholarships>. Deadline is March 31, 2026.**

### **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. Applications are available at <https://www.ianmcbethfoundation.com/scholarship>. **Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

### **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, 2026.**

### **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, 2026.**

## **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.

## **MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP**

### **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.

<https://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/residents/index.html>

### **Montana Resident Freshman Scholarships**

Hundreds of renewable scholarships between \$1000 and \$4000 will be available to freshman entering MSU.

<https://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/residents/index.html>

## **MONTANA TECH SCHOLARSHIPS**

Montana Tech offers approximately \$1 million in scholarships to incoming freshman.

<https://www.mtech.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/index.html>

## **MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS (MUS) SCHOLARSHIP**

### **MUS Honors Scholarship**

All seniors were given 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.
2. Apply to and be accepted by one of the eligible campuses
3. Register at [www.mus.edu/scholarships](http://www.mus.edu/scholarships)
4. Have **Mrs. Johnson** (email: [riki\\_johnson@gfps.k12.mt.us](mailto:riki_johnson@gfps.k12.mt.us)) 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 15<sup>th</sup>**.  
**Please see your counselor if you have any questions!**

### **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](http://www.mus.edu/scholarships). Deadline to apply is **March 15, 2026**.

## **NURSING MAJORS**

### **The Aubrey Wilbur-Ewing Registered Nursing Scholarship**

This scholarship is for a student graduating with at least a 3.2 GPA that is seeking a bachelor's degree in the field of professional nursing. DA Davidson Trust Company is the trustee. Applicants must provide a cover sheet, resume, personal statement, transcript, and a letter of reference. Applications are available in the Advisement Center. **Deadline is March 31, 2026.**

## **TRADES**

### **Eric Burtchett Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is for students pursuing trades, certificate, license or two year programs. Due March 15. Application and more information can be found in the counseling office. Amount of award is determined by the scholarship committee.

## **COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **K. Louise Bardwell Memorial Elementary Education Scholarship**

This four-year, renewable scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education and who has a minimum GPA of 3.4, is a good citizen and contributes to the community through community service. Scholarship recipient will receive a minimum of \$2,500 per year. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due to your counselor before **March 31, 2026**.

### **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, 2026**.

### **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, 2026**.

### **Ralph Haugse Memorial Scholarship**

The Ralph Haugse Memorial trust was established in 2009 after the passing of Alta Haugse. 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, 2026**.

### **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, 2026**.

### **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, 2026**.

## **MISC SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Alliance for Youth 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. <https://www.allianceforyouth.org/alliance-for-youth-future-empowerment-scholarship> **Deadline is April 3, 2026**

### **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 <https://nativepartnership.org/aief/>. **Early deadline for an extra point is March 1; final submission deadline is April 4, 2026**

### **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 10, 2026**.

### **Cirkled In**

The “No Sweat” Scholarship. Enter to win \$2,500. No Income or GPA requirements; no essay. Create an account and apply by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** at [www.cirkledin.com/scholarships](http://www.cirkledin.com/scholarships)

### **Clearwater Community Federal Credit Union Scholarship**

One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a degree in education, in memory of William R. “Lefty” Campbell. Seven \$2,500 general scholarship awarded to any college-bound senior pursuing any field of study. **Due March 31, 2026**. Go to <https://clearwatercreditunion.org/programs/community-programs/scholarship-program/> for more information and to apply.

### **Great Falls Housing Authority Scholarship**

This \$2,500 award is for students who are clients of the Housing Authority’s Public Housing or Section 8 programs. Student must plan to attend a two or four-year post-secondary institution and be enrolled full time. **Deadline is April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Hard copy application can be found in the counseling center.

### **Hagan Foundation Scholarship**

Need based merit scholarship for goal-driven students with a cumulative 3.5 GPA, who have worked 240 hours from Jan 1-September 1, 2026. \$7,500 renewable up to 4 years with a \$2,000 stipend to purchase essential items for college. For more information and to apply go to <https://haganscholarships.org/>. **Deadline is March 15, 2026.**

### **HAI Group Resident Scholarship Program**

Must reside in a housing authority or in a property with a housing choice voucher. \$6,000 is awarded to a students who will enroll in an accredited and / or licensed technical school or accredited two or four-year college or university in the United States for the fall 2026 semester. <https://www.haigroup.com/scholarships/>  
**Due June 5, 2026.**

### **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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

### **Montana Community Foundation Scholarship**

Applications for the Montana Community Foundation's scholarship program are now available online at [www.mtcf.org/applications](http://www.mtcf.org/applications). Awards range from between \$500 - \$20,000 and all awards are designated to specifically benefit Montana students. Applications are due by **March 31<sup>st</sup>**.

### **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 2026-2027 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, 2026**.

### **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 14, 2026.**

### **Mountain View Co-op Scholarship**

Awards ten \$1,000 scholarships. Fill out pdf [2026 Scholarship Application \(Fillable\) \(2\).pdf](#). **Due April 15.**

### **Reach Higher Montana**

Fill out one application for **MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS**. <https://reachhighermontana.org/pay-for-school/scholarships> **Closes March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### **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.

## **MISC INFORMATION**

### **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 2024. 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 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Log on to [www.sss.gov](http://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.

### **CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships>

<https://myscholly.com>

<https://studentscholarships.org/newsletter>

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

