



CMR High School *Scholarship News* *Scoop #3* December 2023-24

Financial Aid Information

The 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA forms for the current senior class will not be available until December 31st as FAFSA is working to streamline the application process. The information needed on the FAFSA form will be based on your and your parents' tax information from 2022. 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>. after December 31st. Do this right away when it opens.

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.

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Through WUE, students in western states may enroll in more than 140 two-year and four-year college institutions at a reduced tuition level: 150% of the institution's regular resident tuition. Participating states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming. Search the WUE Online Database to see which institutions participate and which programs are available at the discounted WUE. Contact participating schools for applications and more information.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

MSU Premier Scholarship Program

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 www.montana.edu/admissions/premierscholarship/ to access the application. Priority deadline is February 1, 2024.

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, 2024.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA SCHOLARSHIPS

Montana Resident Entering Student Scholarship

Several Scholarships are available to MT residents. To apply you must complete the University of Montana Undergraduate application. All general scholarships will be considered from the undergraduate application. The application and criteria can be found at <http://www.umt.edu/finaid/scholarships/mt-resident-entering-student-scholarships/default.php> Scholarship awarding begins in November.

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.

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

GFPS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Next round of GFPS Foundation scholarships opens on January 1st. Watch for the January Scoop.

MISC SCHOLARSHIPS

Evans Hairstyling College is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to all students enrolling in their cosmetology school. Submit your application online at www.evanshairstylingcollege.com.

Montana Jaycee Foundation Scholarship

Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. Student must have a 3.75 GPA or above and provide a financial statement, personal statement, school and community involvement statement, references, and college letter of acceptance. Apply at www.usjcisenate.org (click Scholarship Program link) before January 19, 2024.

Youth Serve Montana Scholarship

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship was created to promote volunteerism among high school students. Up to 100 MT seniors will receive a total of \$125,000 in scholarships for completing volunteer service hours in the 12 months prior to submitting their application. Students who have completed 50 to 99 hours are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship, and students who have completed 100 or more hours are eligible for a \$1,500 scholarship. The deadline for the Youth Serve Montana Scholarship is January 31st, 2024. To qualify for a scholarship, graduating seniors must have completed minimums of 50 or 100 hours of service within the last year and have a completed FAFSA application. Applications are available at serve.mt.gov.

Great Falls Legion of Honor Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to two Cascade County high school seniors who have an immediate family member that has an affiliation with a Masonic Organization. Qualifying students must submit a letter of educational goals, two letters of reference, and a transcript before February 15th. Awards are limited to a branch of the Montana University System. Winners will be announced in August. Applications are available in the Advisement Center.

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>.

Elks National Foundation Legacy Award

The Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards scholarship contest awards one-year, \$4,000 scholarships to children and grandchildren of Elk members who are high school seniors, going on to college and exhibit the core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, Charity, Community and Integrity. Applications are available online at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/default.cfm?m=programs>. Deadline is February 5, 2024.

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships. Each year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) awards multiple scholarships to male and female students showing dedication to the pursuit of higher education in diverse areas of study including history, economics, law, political science, medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, elementary and secondary education, chemistry, math, science and English. Visit <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships> from November 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024 to find the right scholarship for you.

Scholarships for Military Children

Each year this program awards hundreds of scholarships to qualified seniors planning to enroll in a four-year program of studies the following fall. Applications will be available after December 14, 2023 at www.militaryscholar.org. The application for the Defense Commissary Scholarship and other scholarships for military dependents are located at this link. There will be at least one recipient (\$2,000) selected at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. Application closes on February 14, 2024.

Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

The GE Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program annually awards roughly 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$40,000 renewable scholarships. For more information, eligibility requirements, and an online application visit www.reaganfoundation.org before January 4, 2024.

Black Mountain Software Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to Montana seniors who will be attending an accredited institution of higher education, regardless of their field of study. These accredited institutions include trade schools, technical schools, colleges or universities. Student must submit a 500-word essay on “How will you make a difference in our world?” Go to <https://support.blackmountainsoftware.com/scholarship.html>. All submissions must be emailed on or before April 15, 2024.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

Zach Babat Memorial Fine Art Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded in mid-February to a graduating senior who will be pursuing an education in fine art or fine art education. Student will submit a two-dimensional project for judging. Applications can be found at <https://www.outwestartshow.net/zach-babat-scholarship> and deadline to submit application is January 31, 2024.

Out West/Young Masters Phil & Karen Korell Scholarship

This scholarship, worth up to \$2,500, will go to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a degree in art education, fine arts, graphic arts and design or architecture. This scholarship can be used in state or out. It is a multi-faceted educational program that includes but is not limited to participation in Western Art Week. Application is found at <https://www.outwestartshow.net/college-scholarship-application>. Deadline to submit application/portfolio is February 1, 2024.

REACH HIGHER MONTANA

CHECK OUT THIS SITE. Reach Higher has so much to offer—scholarships, FAFSA information, financial advice—YOU NEED TO CHECK OUT THIS SITE. You won't be sorry. <https://www.reachhighermontana.org/> Also www.studentscholarships.org offers several scholarships.

COLLEGE BOUND???

Five things you need to have done before the end of the holiday break

1. Apply to take (or retake) the ACT/SAT or Compass test if you haven't done so already.
2. Apply to the colleges you are interested in attending.
3. Check out any scholarships the colleges you have applied to offer to incoming freshman.
4. Get organized to complete your FAFSA-Don't Procrastinate!

ONE LAST THING: Army ROTC at MSU is looking for scholar athlete leaders-college bound who are interested in joining the Army as officers. **THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY AND GO TO COLLEGE FOR FREE!!!!** Information is available in the counseling office. Hurry, the deadline to apply is soon.

Relax! You can do this! Have a great holiday break!

