

CMR High School Scholarship News FEBRUARY 2024



Financial Aid Information

The 2024-25 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 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>. **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

All seniors will be mailed information about the MUS Honor Scholarship within the next couple weeks. 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, 2024.

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

Great Falls families, alumnus, and organizations generously fund yearly scholarships to graduating high school seniors each year. The Foundation is proud to administer these local scholarships representing over \$350,000 in awards each year. The scholarships are awarded to best reflect the wishes of the donors and the needs of students. The following scholarships are available at <http://tinyurl.com/scholarships-gfpsfoundation>. You will have to create an account, but once you enter your information, it will pre-populate for each scholarship.

The deadlines for ALL of these scholarships is February 15th at 5p.m. No exceptions.

Hoppock Memorial Scholarship

The Hoppock Memorial Scholarship has been established by Susan Avery in recognition of her mother's encouragement and support as she followed her dream of becoming a doctor. Criteria of scholarship:

- Must show financial need.
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0
- Must demonstrate good citizenship
- Must pursue a degree with a math or science base.

Wilford and Lillian Lemire Scholarship

The essence of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity for students who show diligence, work ethic, and the ability to work hard towards a goal. This is a renewable, four-year scholarship. Students must maintain a 2.8 GPA to remain eligible for the scholarship. Criteria of scholarship:

- Must show need of financial assistance.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.
- Must exhibit reasonable citizenship, diligence, and hard work as determined by the review committee.
- Must participate in at least one school sponsored sport and one extra-curricular activity for each of the four years of high school.
- Must attend a Montana college or university.

Bertha Feaster Scholarship

A four-year renewable scholarship (approximately \$3,000 annually) is being offered for students who meet the following criteria:

- Must show need of financial assistance.
- 3.0 high school GPA or better and must maintain a 2.7 or higher each year in college to remain eligible.
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher and a non-family member.
- Demonstrate good citizenship and course rigor.
- Must attend a school, public or private, in Montana.
- Scholarship will not be awarded to a student who receives any other large scholarship.

Eidel Family Scholarship

The Eidel family scholarship was established to honor a CMR senior who exemplifies the true Rustler spirit of being a well-rounded student. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates integrity, character, strength, determination and care for others. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must have a have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Must show school and community involvement through three letters of recommendation and a resume.
- Must write a 250-word essay discussing post-secondary plans and beyond.

Great Falls Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship was established on the belief that the leadership of our next generation is key to our kids' and community's future. A scholarship is being offered for seniors who meet the following criteria:

- Exhibit reasonable citizenship, diligence, and hard work.
- 3.0 GPA or better.
- Proof of financial need.
- Must provide Letter of recommendation from two teachers and two non-family members.
- Must attend a Montana college.
- Must not have received any other large scholarship as determined by school guidance counselors.

Sisters United Scholarship

Candice English of The Farmer's Daughter Fibers created Sisters United, a monthly collaborative initiative to support Indigenous Women, Children, and Communities along with organizations that focus on supporting Murdered and Missing Indigenous People. Through this initiative, we have created a yearly scholarship in honor of Ashley Heavy Runner and Jermaine Charlo, both young Indigenous women who have been missing since August 2016. The scholarship award is \$5,000, which is divided into semesters. This scholarship is open to both male and female students and student may attend any accredited technical, 2-year, or 4-year institution. The recipient must carry a 2.5 GPA to receive the \$2,500 for the second semester. This is a two-year renewable scholarship as long as the recipient maintains a 2.5 GPA.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Must show proof of enrollment or descendent of a Montana Indian Tribe.
- Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Must be involved in extracurricular activities, community service OR after school employment.
- Must provide a letter of recommendation (non-family member). An additional letter is optional.

Shelby Lorena Eve Memorial Nursing Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship was established to honor a 2014 C.M.R. graduate who died of ovarian cancer at the age of 23. Selby Lorena Eve battled cancer for eight months, but during that time she and her family endured many compassionate bedside nurses who cared for her as if she was their own sister. The impact these nurses had on the family impelled them to create this scholarship. Requirements are 3.0 GPA or above and enrollment into a nursing program.

The David J. Delcomte Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to either a C.M. Russell or Great Falls High School student who can demonstrate through a 500-word essay that they meet the merits of this character-based scholarship: *hard-working, selfless, respectful, honorable, encouraging, and a leader*. Applicant must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, be involved in extra-curricular activities (preference to HOSA students), and provide two letters of recommendation.

D.W. Loney Memorial Scholarship

The D. W. Loney Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to one graduating student from both CMR and Great Falls High School. Applicants need to have been involved in high school sports and organized activities, have financial need, and display acts of volunteerism. Students may pursue post-secondary education at any accredited school either in-state or out-of-state. Scholarship Requirements:

- Two \$1,750 scholarships will be offered, one at GFH and one at CMR.
- Student must have participated in two or more organized activities, one of which must be a high school sport.
- Student must have a GPA of 2.5 or above.
- Student must demonstrate financial need.
- Student must show a commitment to volunteerism.
- Student must submit two letters of recommendation.

Dave Crum Scholarship

Great Falls Public School Foundation current and former board members, generous donors, and Crum family members funded this scholarship. It is in recognition of Mr. Crum serving as the first executive director of the Foundation. Dave provided direction and expertise for ten years to the Foundation for the purpose of enhancing high-quality teaching and life-long learning for students in Great Falls Public Schools. His impactful work

benefitted students and teachers by creating new programs and better facilities. This is a \$2,000 scholarship and can be used to attend school in-state or out-of-state. Scholarship Requirements:

- Must submit two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher and one from a tennis coach
- Student must have a GPA of 3.2 or above.
- Student must have played on the tennis team for three years and have earned at least one varsity letter.

Great Falls Farmers' Market Scholarship

The origin of the Great Falls Original Farmers' Market dates back to the 1970s when Hutterite colonies sold their produce door-to-door. In the late 1970s, a handful of Colonies and local farmers began setting up by the Civic Center and thus began the unofficial Great Falls Farmers' Market. Today the Great Falls Original Farmers' Market boasts it is the biggest and best farmers' market in Montana with 135-160 vendors every Saturday. The Farmer's Market is offering three \$1,000 and three \$500 scholarships, one for a GFH graduate and one for a CMR graduate. Scholarship Requirements:

- Must show involvement in community activities.
- Applicant must demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit.
- Applicant must submit two letters of recommendation.

Jason V. Christofferson Memorial Scholarship

This is a \$1,000 scholarship established to honor the life of Jason Christofferson, a 2002 CMR graduate who loved math and loved helping others understand math concepts. This scholarship will go to a student who excels in the field of math and is pursuing a career in a math-related field. Scholarship Requirements:

- Minimum GPA 3.5
- Must demonstrate proficiency in and a commitment to mathematics in high school.
- Must be pursuing a career in a math-related field.
- Must demonstrate involvement in community, school activities and/or work.
- Must provide a letter of recommendation from a math teacher.

Sallie Hollecker Linnell Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship was established by the Linnell Family to honor wife and mother Sallie Linnell who passed away in 2012. Sallie was a teacher who valued the importance of a quality education. This scholarship may be used in-state or out-of-state at a two-year or four-year university for any field of study. Student must show proof of financial need (net family income must fall below MT Median Family Income for 2019, \$54,970) as verified by page one of previous year's tax return and written essay. Primary consideration will be given to need; however, student's academic standing and GPA will also be considered. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student to receive the scholarship in subsequent years.

The Louise Hollar Clarke Memorial Golf Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship was established in memory of Louise Hollar Clarke who was an avid golfer, business owner and loving wife, mother and grandmother. The scholarship is supported through the Louise Hollar Clarke Memorial Golf Scholarship Tournament. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to a Great Falls public high school graduate who has played two years of varsity golf and wishes to pursue higher education at a Montana college or university.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Must have played on the varsity golf team for at least two years
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Must have two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher and one from the student's golf coach

Kent Seaton Family Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship was established by the Seaton Family in memory of Kent Seaton who deeply believed in the value of education beyond high school, particularly to those students who may not have the financial means to attend college. This scholarship is offered in two installments of \$1,000 to a student who is pursuing an education in engineering with preference given to students who are pursuing civil engineering or electrical engineering degrees. This is an in-state only scholarship. Scholarship Requirements:

- Must demonstrate financial need.

- Have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA.
- Provide a resume showing school and community activities.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation—teacher/non-family member

Seaton Family Scholarship for Healthcare

This \$1,000 scholarship was established by the Seaton Family to help a student who is pursuing an education in the healthcare field. This is an in-state only scholarship. Scholarship Requirements:

- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Have at least a 2.8 cumulative GPA.
- Provide a resume showing school and community activities.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation—teacher/non-family member

Great Falls Soroptimist Club—This \$1,000 scholarship is for a female pursuing any field who demonstrates financial need. More info located on GFPS Foundation website.

Cascade County Bar Association Scholarship

CCBA is awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a student who plans on a career in the legal field. Scholarship requirements:

- Have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Must be pursuing a career in the legal field
- Must attend a 2- or 4-year college or university (in state or out)

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Montana Clerk and Recorders Association Scholarship

The Montana Clerk and Recorders 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 10^h, 2024.

Cascade County DUI Task Force

Two \$750 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. Applications are available in Advisement Center. Deadline is April 8, 2024.

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.

Ace Anderson Family Automotive Scholarship

Three scholarships will be awarded to a senior with a minimum 2.0 GPA who wants to further their knowledge and skills in an automotive-related field, either through a trade school or traditional education. Applications are available in the Advisement Center and must be received before March 25th, 2024.

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.

THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK BACK. APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE ADVISEMENT CENTER.

Suhr Family Scholarship

This 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.

Fred and Marie Barnard Scholarship

Winner of this 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.

Gladis Gerrity Scholarship

This 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.

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.

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 18, 2024.

Montana Farm Bureau Federation Scholarships

Montana Farm Bureau Federation offers 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 are due on or before April 1, 2024.

Montana Community Foundation Scholarship

Applications for the Montana Community Foundation's 40 active scholarships are now available online at www.mtcf.org/scholarships. Awards range from between \$500 - \$20,000 and all awards are designated to specifically benefit Montana students. Application deadlines vary so check out the website to see if you qualify.



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. Students from PGEC will be alternately included in the application process with CMR and GFHS. In even years they will be included with GFHS and odd years CMR. 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 22, 2024.

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 13, 2024.

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 CHILDREN

Scholarships for Military Children

The Scholarships for Military Children program is celebrating its fourteenth year of outreach to the military community. Each year the program awards hundreds of scholarships to qualified seniors planning to enroll in a four-year program of studies the following fall, or to college students already enrolled in a four-year program. Applications are available at www.militaryscholar.org. The application for the Defense Commissary Scholarship and other scholarships for military dependents are located at this link. Application deadlines close mid-February, so apply soon.



MISC SCHOLARSHIPS

Reach Higher Montana offers A LOT of scholarships. Check them out at reachhighermontana.org.

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>.

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.

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.

Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship

Hundreds of renewable \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded to students seeking 4-year STEM degrees. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need and who come from an underrepresented group or underserved community. Apply at www.lockheedmartin.com/scholarship before April 1, 2024.

CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships>

<https://myscholly.com>

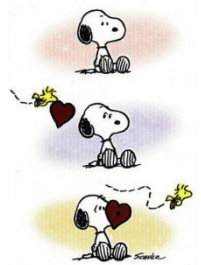
<https://studentscholarships.org/newsletter>

SERIOUSLY, CHECK OUT ReachHigherMT.org



Be mindful to proofread scholarships—it does matter!

- ✓ Scholarships should be word processed!
- ✓ Pay attention to Deadlines, Directions and Details!
- ✓ Don't forget to write thank you notes!



**DIFFERENTIATED DIPLOMA APPLICATIONS WILL BE HANDED OUT DURING FEBRUARY 6TH
CONNECTIONS AND ARE DUE TO YOUR COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 15TH**

!!!!!!!!!!!!~DONT BE LATE~!!!!!!!!!!!!