

# CMR High School Scholarship News JANUARY 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 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.

## 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>. **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

### 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/](http://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](http://www.mus.edu/scholarships). Deadline to apply is March 15, 2024.

### 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 February 1, 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 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 scholarship, 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)

## **MISC 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 18, 2024.

### 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:

[www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships)

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Check out the website to see if you qualify.

### Youth Serve Montana Scholarship

Up to one hundred high school seniors will be selected to receive a \$1,000 to \$1,500 scholarship for their volunteer service in their respective communities. Qualifying students will have completed 50-100 hours or more of volunteer service within the last 12 months. Applications close on January 31, 2024, so hurry to apply. Visit

<https://serve.mt.gov/ServeMontana/youth-serve-montana-scholarships>

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Awards are limited to a branch of the Montana University System. Winners will be announced in August. Applications are available in the Advisement Center.

### 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](http://www.usjcisenate.org) (click Scholarship Program link) before January 19, 2024.

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

### 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.

### MSU Music Performance Scholarship

Any student with high school music experience attending MSU are invited to apply for this scholarship, which averages \$2,000 a year. Application deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to [www.montana.edu/music/scholarships/index.html](http://www.montana.edu/music/scholarships/index.html) Students who participate in the Spirit of the West Marching Band earn credit toward graduation and are awarded a scholarship/tuition waiver up to \$8,000 over four years. Go to [www.montana.edu/music/sotw/index.html](http://www.montana.edu/music/sotw/index.html)

### Montana Academy of Salons

A \$1,000 scholarship is available to students graduating in 2024. Applicant must start in June, July or August 2024 class. Student must have a 2.0 GPA and provide a brief essay. Scholarships are available in the Advisement Center.

## **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 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](http://www.studentscholarships.org) offers several scholarships.



*\*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!*

**STAY FOCUSED & FINISH THE MISSION!**