

Governor's Best & Brightest High School MERIT Scholarship



Governor's MERIT Scholarship

Awarded to one qualified student from each Montana high school accredited by the Montana Board of Public Education. Students who continue to meet the requirements; \$2,000 per year, up to 4 years (contingent upon funding**)

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a 2016 graduate from a high school accredited by the Montana Board of Public Education
- Must be a resident of the State of Montana (Board of Regents Policy 940.1)
- Must be accepted by an eligible Montana campus (listed below)
- Must take the ACT/SAT by December 31st of the student's senior year
- Must obtain a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.0 (calculated as of 7th semester) OR a score of at least 20 on the ACT OR 1440 on the SAT college admission test
- Must begin using the next chronological semester (excluding summer)
- If a male, must meet the Title IV selective service requirements
- Must not be incarcerated
- Must be seeking a first certificate, or 2-year or 4-year degree

*May not utilize a MUS Honor Scholarship for the same period of enrollment
*Applications scored utilizing the methodology in regents policy 501.1(I)(B).

Renewing Governor's Scholarships

- Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (as defined by the campus)
- Must complete a minimum of 24 credits per academic year
- Renewals are contingent upon continued funding for this program**

MONTANA'S STEM SCHOLARSHIP

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | MATH | HEALTHCARE

STEM Scholarship

Awarded to students from Montana high schools accredited by the Montana Board of Public Education. Students who continue to meet the requirements; \$1,000 the first year and \$2,000 the second year (contingent upon funding**)

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a 2016 graduate from a high school accredited by the Montana Board of Public Education
- Must be a resident of the State of Montana (Board of Regents Policy 940.1)
- Must be accepted by an eligible Montana campus (listed below)
- Must obtain a cumulative high school GPA of at least 3.25 (calculated as of 7th semester)
- Must complete 4 years of college prep math and 3 years of college prep science while in high school (verified by high school counselor)
- Must declare a STEM or Healthcare major (the list may be found by visiting www.mus.edu/scholarships)
- Must begin using the next chronological semester (excluding summer)
- Must enroll in and complete a minimum of 15 credits each semester
- If a male, must meet the Title IV selective service requirements
- Must not be incarcerated
- Must be seeking a first certificate, or 2-year or 4-year degree

Renewing STEM Scholarships

- Must maintain 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Must enroll in and complete a minimum of 15 credits per semester
- Must continue to pursue a qualifying STEM or Healthcare major
- Renewals are contingent upon continued funding for this program**

** IMPORTANT NOTE **

Funding for the Governor's MERIT and STEM Scholarship Programs is not guaranteed and final approval for scholarship awards may be determined after the application period has ended. Criteria noted for each scholarship is used as a minimum starting point for consideration. Since the final number of scholarships may be limited, meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee selection.

To Apply

Scholarships may be used at the following campuses:

U of M – Missoula	MT Tech	MSU – Bozeman	MSU – Billings	Flathead Valley CC	Blackfeet CC	Stone Child
Missoula College UM	Highlands College	Gallatin College at MSU	City College MSU	Dawson CC	Chief Dull Knife	Salish-Kootenai
U of M – Western	Helena College UM	MSU – Northern	Great Falls College MSU	Miles CC	Aaniiih Nakoda	Fort Peck CC
						Little Big Horn

Applying is a multi-step process. Students must complete each of the following steps by the deadline for their application to be considered;

1. Take the ACT or SAT by December 31st of your senior year (only required if applying for Governor's MERIT)
2. Apply to and be accepted by one of the eligible campuses
3. Register online at www.mus.edu/scholarships
4. Print application and have counselor sign Page 3 (only required if applying for STEM)
5. Mail the application and additional required documents

postmarked by March 15th

- Copy of official 7th semester high school transcript reflecting all classes from freshman through first semester of senior year and cumulative GPA (request from your high school in early February)
- Copy of College Acceptance Letter
- Proof/certification of ACT/SAT score taken by Dec. 31st (print out from ACT/SAT OR listed as part of high school transcript) (only required if applying for Governor's MERIT)
- High School counselor's verification and signature must be included on Page 3 of the application (only required if applying for STEM)

Register for the MERIT and STEM Scholarships online

www.mus.edu/scholarships

Register online beginning in December

Application packets and additional materials must be

**POSTMARKED BY
MARCH 15th**

Incomplete or late applications will NOT be accepted

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