



## CMR High School *Scholarship News* December 2020-21

### Financial Aid Information

The 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) forms for the current senior class are available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The information needed on the FAFSA form will be based on you and your parent's 2019 tax information. Priority deadline for most schools in December 1. **Encourage your parents to file your FAFSA now!** A number of financial aid programs are available if you qualify: College Work-Study, Pell Grants, Supplemental Education Opportunities Grants, Stafford Loan Programs, Perkins Loans, Approved Veterans Training, State Grants and Loans, Academic Scholarships, Cooperative Education Plans, College Funds, Athletic Scholarships, and Minority Scholarships. See your local lender (banks, credit unions, etc.) or college financial aid directors of the schools that are of interest.

### 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 within the period starting 30 days before, and ending 30 days after, their 18th 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 Mrs. Lowry in the counseling office.

### **MONTANA STATE SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### MSU Premier Scholarship Program

Montana State University will offer scholarships through the MSU Premier Scholarship Program. These awards are targeted toward Montana freshmen who show academic promise based upon ACT and/or SAT scores and grade point average. Leadership experience, activities, honors classes and financial need may also be considered. If you are planning to attend MSU-Bozeman next year, you should apply for admission, have your ACT and/or SAT scores sent to MSU and complete the scholarship application. Information is available at:

[www.montana.edu/admissions/premierscholarship.pdf](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/premierscholarship.pdf).

**Apply early as these scholarships will only be available for a limited time! Deadline is February 1, 2020**

#### University of Providence Leadership

Scholars may be awarded \$18,000 to full tuition. Separate application is required and includes an essay and campus interview. Full-time enrollment, participation in campus activities, on-campus residency and satisfactory academic progress are required to maintain the award through graduation. Students with GPA of 3.0 or better are eligible to apply. Applications and information about more UP scholarships are available at

[www.uprovidence.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/scholarships-grants/](http://www.uprovidence.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/scholarships-grants/). **Deadline is Jan. 31, 2021.**

#### 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 \$1.4 million in scholarships to incoming freshman. They have a general application that considers you for all scholarships you qualify for. You need to have that **application submitted by December 15<sup>th</sup>**. To

begin, **complete an application for admission to Montana Tech.** They will then send you a scholarship link. For more information, visit their school website and click on “Paying for College.”

### **MSUB General Scholarship**

MSUB is offering over 500 scholarships ranging from \$200 to FULL TUITION. For a complete list, visit <https://www.msubillings.academicworks.com>. **Deadline is February 1, 2021.**

### **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **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 about \$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 January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. No exceptions.***

#### **Hoppock/Avery 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. The applicant must show financial need, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0, demonstrate good citizenship and pursue a degree with a math or science base.

#### **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:

- 3.0 high school GPA or better
- Must provide resume proving school and community involvement and transcript
- 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

#### **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. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and must show school and community involvement. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates integrity, character, strength, determination and care for others.

#### **Jennings Family Scholarship**

The Great Falls Public Schools Foundation Scholarship was established in 2012 to honor a CMR senior who exemplifies the true Rustler spirit of being a well-rounded student. The donor is a graduate of CMR High School who sees the value of excellence in education and wants to give back to the community. The scholarship is a two-year scholarship worth \$12,500 as long as he/she maintains a 3.2 GPA and carries at least 12 credits. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 at the end of 7 semesters, must show school and community involvement, rigorous coursework by taking Honors and Advanced Placement courses, and must write an essay and provide FAFSA EFC page.

### **Great Falls School District Leadership Scholarship**

A scholarship is being offered for seniors who meet the following criteria:

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

### **Ron & Becky Nelson CTE Scholarship**

This \$1,500 scholarship was set up to increase enrollment within the CTE program. Student must have taken a minimum of six CTE classes, must have a 2.5 GPA or higher, must be involved in community service and must provide the Foundation with updates of their plans in August after graduation.

### **COMMUNITY 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](http://www.mus.edu/scholarships). **Deadline to apply is March 15, 2021.**

**Reach Higher Montana Scholarship** will award up to 80 \$1,000 scholarships to graduating students who will attend a Montana college at least half-time in the 2020-21 school year and who have a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher. **Apply at [www.ReachHigherMontana.org](http://www.ReachHigherMontana.org) by January 15, 2021.**

### **Youth Serve Montana Scholarship**

The application period for the 2020 Youth Serve Montana Scholarship is now open. 100 high school seniors who have volunteered 100 hours in their community and plan on attending a Montana Campus Compact Institution are eligible to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. **Applications due before January 31, 2021 and are available at [www.serve.mt.gov](http://www.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 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.

### **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 will be available after December 15, 2020 at: [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org).**

### **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 \$10,000 renewable scholarships. For more information, eligibility requirements, and an online application visit [www.reaganfoundation.org](http://www.reaganfoundation.org) before **January 5, 2021.**

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### **Great Falls Chamber AG Scholarship**

Two students who plan to seek a career in agriculture will be selected to receive this \$1,000 4-year renewable scholarship. Applicant must provide a personal statement, letter of recommendation, list of leadership and volunteer accomplishments and a transcript, along with an application before January 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available in the Advisement Center.

### **ART SCHOLARSHIPS**

**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, 2021.**

**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, 2021.**

## **Things to Jingle About**



20/60/20-When making choices, keep in mind where the jobs will be!

- 20% Entry level jobs
- 60% Certificate or Associate Degrees
- 20% 4-year Degrees and Beyond

There is the right career out there for all of you and many ways to get there! We have great information on careers, apprenticeships, and post-secondary information. Visit your counselor for more information!

### **If you are 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!

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