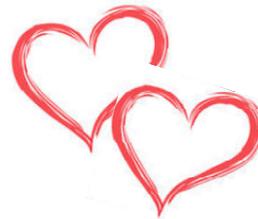


***CMR High School
Scholarship News
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Financial Aid Information

The 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms for the current senior class are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. 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 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 University System Honor Scholarship

All seniors were mailed information about the MUS Honor Scholarship after Christmas. 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. Mail the signed application along with a copy of your acceptance letter, proof/certification of your ACT or SAT score, and your 7th semester high school transcript to the office of Student Financial Services postmarked by 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.

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. **Deadlines for ALL these scholarships is March 12th at 5pm-Deadline is Absolute!***

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. The recipient must carry a 2.7 GPA to receive the \$2,500 for the second semester. This is a four-year renewable scholarship as long as the recipient maintains a 2.7 GPA.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Must show proof of enrollment or descendent of a Montana Indian Tribe
- Must graduate from a Great Falls public high school (CMR, Paris Gibson, and Great Falls High)
- Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher
- Must be involved in extracurricular activities, community service OR after school employment
- Two Letters of Recommendation (non-family member)
- 500-word essay on how you think we can better our indigenous communities, on and off the reservations
- Preference will be given to students who have not received additional large scholarships.

Scholarship available at <http://tinyurl.com/scholarships-gfpsfoundation>. Deadline is March 12th.

Steve Olson Orchestra Scholarship

The Steve Olson Orchestra, formed in September 2015, made its debut with the album "Merry Christmas from Great Falls, Montana," featuring vocalist Joel Corda. The Steve Olson Orchestra Scholarship fund, part of the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation, was created to help college-bound students reach their dreams and goals. Two (2) \$700.00 scholarships will be awarded to two graduating seniors who have dedicated much of their time to the musical arts and the betterment of the Great Falls area community. **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Be a member of your school band, choir, or orchestra program.
- 3.0 cumulative GPA (end of 3rd quarter).
- Be accepted to a college or university at the time of application.
- Enroll in a college program, Autumn 2021.

Scholarship available at <http://tinyurl.com/scholarships-gfpsfoundation>. Deadline is March 12th.

ADDITIONAL GFPS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are ALSO available at <http://tinyurl.com/scholarships-gfpsfoundation>, but you have to enter CMR in the "Enter Code" box at the top right of the Apply page.

CMR Quarterback Club *(THIS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED)

QB's Club is the booster club for the CMR Football program. It raises money annually for the program and all proceeds go directly to the program and a small scholarship fund. The QB's Club awards 4-5 scholarships every year in the amount of \$500 for student athletes who were part of the CMR Football program. Any athlete who lettered in football is eligible and must complete a 500-word essay explaining how CMR Football impacted them. **Deadline is March 26, 2021. Apply at <http://tinyurl.com/scholarships-gfpsfoundation>, enter CMR in the "Enter Code" box at the top right of the Apply page.**

Jennifer Joy Astrin Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. Charles and Judith Astrin in memory of their daughter, Jennifer Joy. Jennifer died at the age of 18 in a tragic traffic accident in 1992. She attended C.M. Russell High School and was an active member of D.E.C.A. This is a four-year renewable scholarship. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA and carry at least 12 credits to receive the award in future years. **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be a GFPS graduating senior
- Must provide proof of financial need by including FAFSA EFC page.
- This 4-year renewable scholarship is for any field of study and may be used at colleges in or out of state.

Apply at <http://tinyurl.com/scholarships-gfpsfoundation>, enter CMR in the "Enter Code" box at the top right of the Apply page.

First Interstate Bank Scholarship

First Interstate Bank is pleased to offer one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to a student that has demonstrated commitment to school and community. Counselors at CMR and GFH will select their top candidate. The top candidate from both schools will be interviewed by a First Interstate Bank representative. Recipient will be chosen by First Interstate Bank. **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicant must be a graduating senior at CMR or GFH.
- Applicant must demonstrate leadership and good citizenship.
- Applicant must be active within the school and community.
- Applicant must be accepted and planning to attend either Great Falls College - MSU or UP

Apply at <http://tinyurl.com/scholarships-gfpsfoundation>, enter CMR in the "Enter Code" box at the top right of the Apply page.

Sallie Hollecker Linnell Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is being established by Wayne E. Linnell and his daughter Rhonda Linnell Moore in memory of their beloved wife and mother, Sallie. Sallie passed at the age of 77 in 2012. She graduated from Great Falls High School in 1953 and the University of Montana in 1957 with a BA in Elementary Education. She and her husband Wayne moved to Great Falls after college to raise their three children, all of whom graduated from C. M. Russell High School. Sallie Linnell taught at Largent Elementary and for a brief period of time for Great Falls Public Schools and always valued the importance of a quality education. **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Financial need as verified by page one of previous year's tax return and a written essay.
- Net family income at or below the Montana Median Family Income for 2019 of \$54,970

- Primary consideration will be given to need; however, student's academic standing and GPA will also be considered.
- Student may enroll in any area of study at a two- or four-year in-state or out-of-state college

Apply at <http://tinyurl.com/scholarships-gfpsfoundation>, enter CMR in the "Enter Code" box at the top right of the Apply page.

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Cascade County Deputy Sheriff's Association

CCDSA will be awarding two \$1,250 scholarships to graduating seniors who are vigorously dedicated to the betterment of their community. Students will be evaluated on their educational goals, accomplishments and their strong commitment to building a better Cascade County. Student may be entering any field of study at a 2- or 4-year institution. **Letter of application (available in the Advisement Center), transcript, and two letters of endorsement must be submitted to the CCDSA before April 9, 2021.**

CMR Partner's Scholarship

CMR Partners is awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. Any graduating senior who is seeking financial help will be considered. Applicants must be attending an accredited Montana post-secondary educational, community, trade or technology school or university. This scholarship is open to all students who are academically eligible for post-secondary educational acceptance. **Applications are available in the Advisement Center. Deadline for application is April 9, 2021.**

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 12th, 2021.**

Northcentral Montana Retired Educators Association Scholarship

A scholarship given by the NCMREA and the Forrest "Scotty" Zion family will be awarded to a graduating senior who is planning to major in education. The criteria for this scholarship are based on financial need, academic achievement, citizenship, school and community involvement, essay and references. This \$750 scholarship must be used at an in-state college or university. **Applications are available in the Advisement Center. Deadline for application is March 15, 2021.**

Suhr Family Scholarship

This \$1,000.00 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. **Applications available in the Advisement Center and are due back by March 21, 2021.**

Fred and Marie Barnard Scholarship

Winner of this \$1,500 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. **(Cont.)**
- **Volunteerism in Community, Church, or High School:** Student needs to demonstrate contributions.

Applications are available in the Advisement Center and are due back by March 19, 2021.

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.

Applications can be picked up in the Advisement Center and are due back by March 19, 2021.

Centene Scholarship

Centene Corporation is proud to offer three \$2,500 scholarships to local graduating seniors who plan on attending college in Montana. Basis for selection will be based on GPA and essay score. Students who receive a Presidential or MUS Honors Scholarship are *not* eligible. **Applications are available in the Advisement Center. Submissions must be mailed to Centene and must be postmarked by March 1st, 2021.**

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 26, 2021.**

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 can be found at <https://www.outwestartshow.net/college-scholarship-application>. Deadline to submit application/portfolio is March 1, 2021. (This deadline has been extended.)**

Zach Babat Memorial Fine Art Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded in mid-March 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 March 1, 2021. (This deadline has been extended.)**

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 5, 2021.**

Design a Sticker-Win a Scholarship

Design next year's Reach Higher Montana sticker and win anywhere from \$1,500 to \$500. Check out this year's stickers in the Advisement Center. Go to ReachHigherMontana.org for details. Entries must be submitted by March 15, 2021. Show your talent, Rustlers!

MISC STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Youth Serve Montana Scholarship (THIS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED)

The application period for the 2021 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 February 28, 2021 and are available at www.serve.mt.gov.

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, 2021.**

Horatio Alger Montana Undergraduate Scholarship

The Horatio Alger Scholarship is funded by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation to assist students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives and are pursuing a bachelor's degree at a Montana University System institution. Applicant must demonstrate financial need, be involved in community/co-curricular activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, maintain a 2.0 GPA and be a U.S. citizen. **Applications will be available January 15th through March 15th at www.horatioalger.org**

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 12, 2021.**

Montana Farm Bureau Federation Women’s Leadership Committee Scholarship

On behalf of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation and the Cascade County Farm Bureau, the Women’s Leadership Committee is offering two \$1,000.00 scholarships to students entering college during the 2021-2022 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://www.grantinterface.com/home/logon?urlkey=mbfbscholarship>

and must be mailed to CCFB County President before March 30, 2021.

Montana Community Foundation Scholarship

Applications for the Montana Community Foundation’s 40 active scholarships are now available online at www.mtcf.org/applications. Awards range from between \$500 - \$20,000 and all awards are designated to specifically benefit Montana students. **Application deadline is March 19th. Check out the website to see if you qualify.**

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 lockheedmartin.com/scholarship before April 1, 2021.**

Fisher House Scholarship for Military Children

Several scholarships are available for children of active, reserve, and retired service members. Apply soon, some of the deadlines close in mid-February. Apply at www.militaryscholar.org.

CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.reachhighermontana.org/scholarships>

<https://scholarshipguidance.com/scholarships>

<https://myscholly.com>

- √ 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 8TH CONNECTIONS AND ARE DUE TO YOUR COUNSELOR
 FEBRUARY 19TH
 !!!!!!!!!~DON'T BE LATE~!!!!!!!!!!!!**

