

CMR High School Scholarship News JANUARY 2021



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 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. 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.

MSU 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.

Apply early as these scholarships will only be available for a limited time! Deadline is February 1, 2021.

MSU BILLINGS SCHOLARSHIPS

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, financial need, and are traditional or non-traditional students. Students receiving the scholarship may be eligible to receive the scholarship additional years by annually submitting the MSU Billings online scholarship application. Previous recipients will receive preference as long as they show progress toward their degree and maintain the scholarship criteria. Visit www.msubillings.academicworks.com for this and many other scholarships that MSU Billings has to offer. **Deadline to apply is February 1, 2021.**

MSUB General Scholarship

MSUB is offering over 700 scholarships ranging from \$200 to FULL TUITION. For a complete list, visit www.msubillings.academicworks.com. **Deadline is February 1, 2021.**

UP SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Providence Leadership

Scholars may be awarded \$16,000 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 <https://www.uprovidence.edu/become-a-student/financial-aid/scholarships-grants>. **Deadline is Jan. 31, 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 ***(with the exception of Quarterbacks and Delcomte, which are available in the Advisement Center)** 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 January 29th at 5pm-Absolute!***

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.

Sandy Weber Heath

Sandy Weber Heath worked in education for over 20 years in various administrative roles. Sandy loved people and had a personal dream to do more with her voice and acting career. The funds available will give a young person a first step toward their dream. This is a one-year scholarship worth \$500. **Scholarship Requirements:**

- Graduating senior from either CMR or GFH.
- Majoring in Vocal Music or Drama.
- Community service role that has represented the community in a way that brings quality to the community.
- Student must send a letter to Curtis L. Heath (address will be provided to the winner) giving a description of what the funds were used for at the college or university (i.e. what classes relating to music or drama you took, what books were purchased, concerts/plays you participated in, etc.).

Lillian Knudson-Johnson Scholarship

Lillian Knudson-Johnson was very supportive of youth and higher education. Lillian passed away Aug. 18, 2007, from the West Nile Virus. Upon her death, it was decided by her husband Al and the Eastern Star Chapter to create a fund to encourage Great Falls graduates to continue with their education. **Scholarship Requirements:**

- Must exhibit reasonable citizenship, diligence, and hard work.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation (by non-family members) outlining the student's character.

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 descent 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.

CMR Quarterback Club *(Available in the Advisement Center)

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.

The David J. Delcomte Memorial Scholarship *(Available in the Advisement Center)

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 (preferably HOSA), and provide two letters of recommendation.

MISC 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, 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.

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 by January 15, 2021.

Montana Community Foundation Scholarship

Applications for the Montana community Foundation's scholarship program 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. Applications are due by March 19th. Check out the website to see if you qualify.

Youth Serve Montana Scholarship

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 January 31, 2021 and are available at 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 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.

Montana Jaycee Foundation Scholarship

Each year, the U.S. Junior Chamber International (JCI) Senate Foundation grants \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education at accredited post-secondary colleges, universities or vocational schools. The number of grants awarded annually is at the discretion of the Foundation and must be used for educational expenses in the first year of full-time study. Checks awarded will be made out in the name of the recipient and the educational institution of the recipient's choice. **Applications are available at www.usjcisenate.org and are due January 22, 2021.**

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

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.

****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!

