

# CMR High School *Scholarship News* Scoop #2 November 2020-2021



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Thanksgiving

## 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.

## 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. 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, 2021.**

### Montana State University 2020 Presidential Scholarship

The Presidential Scholarship is MSU's most prestigious scholarship award. Up to twenty Presidential Scholarships will be awarded to freshmen entering Montana State University-Bozeman in September, 2020.

**Criteria:** Students will be selected as finalists on the basis of their academic accomplishments, intellectual or creative distinctions, extracurricular activities, letters of reference, and original essays.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Applicants must apply for admission to MSU-Bozeman as an entering freshman.
- Should have a cumulative GPA or 3.75 and a composite score of 30 on the ACT or 2000 on the SAT. Exceptions to these norms may be indicated on your application.

**\*The application can be accessed at [www.montana.edu/honors/presidential](http://www.montana.edu/honors/presidential).** Students are encouraged to visit the site and begin the application process in a timely manner as the process is quite lengthy. **Deadline is December 4, 2020 at 3pm.** Please see Mrs. Lowry for more information.

## UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA SCHOLARSHIPS

### Davidson Honors College Presidential Leadership Scholarship

Applications for the Davidson Honors College Presidential Leadership Scholarship at the University of Montana are available and can be downloaded and printed at <http://umt.edu/dhc>. **Application deadline is December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

### **Montana Resident Entering Student Scholarship**

To apply you must complete the University of Montana Undergraduate application. All general scholarships will be considered from the undergraduate application. Processing of FAFSA and scholarship awarding begins **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. The application can be downloaded and printed at: [www.umt.edu](http://www.umt.edu). **\*\*Students DO NOT need to complete both applications. Those not awarded a Presidential Leadership Scholarship will automatically be considered for the Montana Resident Entering Student Scholarship**

### **MONTANA PRIVATE COLLEGES**

#### **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 SCHOLARSHIPS**

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."

**Tech Days-November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9am to 3pm.** Experience life at MT Tech. [www.mtech.edu](http://www.mtech.edu)

### **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 November 30 at 5PM. No Exceptions.***

#### **Fred and Visilia Grasseschi Scholarship**

The Fred and Vasilia Grasseschi Scholarship was created because of the Grasseschi family's strong belief in academics and athletics as well as their promotion in building character. The Fred & Visilia Grasseschi Scholarship will be given this year to an applicant with the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated acceptable citizenship
- Participated in sports all four years (football player given preference)
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Must have participated in one extra-curricular activity for each of the four years in high school
- Must show financial need

#### **Jack and Rosann Johnson Scholarship**

A couple who wish to remain anonymous and who are outstanding supporters of CMR football has provided an endowment gift to fund the Jack and Rosann Scholarship. This four-year renewable scholarship will be awarded to a senior with a GPA of at least 3.0, participated in at least one sport, involved in at least one school/community activity. Recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA all four years as college as well as maintain good citizenship.

#### **Kelly Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

The Kelly Johnson Scholarship was established as a memorial to Kelly Johnson, who was an outstanding Rustler during her high school career at Charles M. Russell High School. Kelly died tragically in an accident on July 1, 1991. This scholarship serves as a tribute to the memory of her. Scholarship will be given this year to an applicant with the following qualifications:

- Must be a CMR graduate.
- Must participate in and earn a varsity letter in at least one varsity sport at CMR.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation (one from a high school teacher, one from a coach).

### **Samantha Sipes Scholarship**

The Samantha Ann Sipes Scholarship was established in 2014 to honor a CMR senior interested in pursuing a career in health care who demonstrates determination in overcoming obstacles, compassion for those in need, and kindness towards a diverse population. This four-year renewable scholarship is funded annually as a continuing tribute to Samantha Sipes. Scholarship Qualifications:

- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.
- Applicant should demonstrate school involvement and concern for others (one letter of recommendation and resume).
- Applicant must write a 250-word essay discussing and adversity they faced, how they dealt with it and what they learned from it.
- Applicant must write a 250-word essay describing their plans to enter into a health-related field and what motivates them to pursue this course of study and career.

### **Treacy Giesler Memorial Scholarship**

Treacy Giesler was a 1984 graduate of Charles M. Russell High School. Throughout her junior and senior years she suffered from a debilitating brain tumor. In spite of the tumor, her determination, compassion for others and love of life triumphed. She participated in many activities and maintained a high academic record. The Treacy Giesler Memorial Scholarship was established by her family and friends and is funded annually as a continuing tribute to her memory.

Criteria of Scholarship:

- Graduating CMR senior who is seeking further accredited education
- 3.0 GPA
- Demonstration of having overcome some adversity (economic, emotional, family conflict, learning OR physical disability)
- Demonstrate participation in school and community activities
- Demonstrate concern for others and self determination
- One letter of recommendation and transcript

### **Class of '18 Green and Gold Scholarship**

This scholarship will be awarded to a CMR student who is active both in school and in the community and who demonstrates positive Rustler Pride. It is the hope of the Class of 2018 that the winner of this scholarship will continue to contribute to both their school and community at their college or university.

Scholarship Qualifications:

- Applicant must participate in at least one school-sponsored activity (sport, music, drama, or club)
- Applicant must provide proof of community activism.
- Applicant must carry at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Applicant must submit two letters of recommendations from non-family members

### **Jaraczski Family Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in November 2004 after Richard Jaraczski died after a long battle with cancer. He highly valued well-rounded young adults who demonstrated integrity, care for others, character, strength and determination. This scholarship is intended to reward one graduating senior who exhibits these values and who is serious about receiving a higher education. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better. If a student has a GPA of 2.5-2.8 and has overcome any special circumstances or obstacles and meets the other requirements of this scholarship, he or she will be considered for this scholarship. Applicants must have participated in organized physical and non-physical activities 3 out of the 4 years of high school. The activities are not limited to school sponsored activities.

### **Rudolf Schoesser Memorial Scholarship**

This particular scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to pursue his or her post-secondary education at an accredited institution, who exhibits motivation and action in making his or her dreams a reality. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, be involved in at least one extracurricular activity each year of high school, have applied to an accredited college or university, and provide a transcript and two letters of recommendation.

### **Lowry Family Scholarship**

The Lowry Family Scholarship was established in 2018 by Gary and Marie Lowry in recognition of their two children and six grandchildren who all graduated from CM Russell High School. Gary and Marie see the value of excellence in education and athletic and extra-curricular activities and are grateful for the education their children, grandchildren and currently great grandchildren have received in Great Falls Public Schools. They want to honor two C.M.R. students who plan to continue their education and have excelled as a Rustler. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded and is not restricted to an in-state school.

#### **Scholarship Requirements:**

- Must be a graduating CMR senior.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Must have athletic, extra-curricular and/or school involvement.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation (one from a high school teacher, one from a coach).

### **MISC SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **Seattle University**

Each year, nine students are selected to receive the Sullivan Leadership Award on the basis of their academic excellence, service and leadership. Sullivan Scholars receive full tuition, housing and meals for each of four years. Application deadline is November 15, 2020. Apply at [www.seattleu.edu/sullivan](http://www.seattleu.edu/sullivan).

#### **Youth Serve Montana Scholarship**

Up to one hundred high school seniors will be selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for their volunteer service in their respective communities. Qualifying students will have completed 100 hours or more of volunteer service within the last 12 months. Applications will begin in October and close on January 31, 2021. Visit <http://serve.mt.gov/ServeMT/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.

#### **Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship**

The Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship awards \$1,000s in scholarships to worthy high school seniors based on GPA, class schedule and class rank. Applications are available online at [www.enf.elks.org/mvs](http://www.enf.elks.org/mvs). Hurry, deadline is November 15, 2020.

#### **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 [www.enf.elks.org/leg](http://www.enf.elks.org/leg). Deadline is February 5, 2021.

#### **National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarships**

Each year, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution awards over \$150,000 through more than 25 scholarships to young individuals for their outstanding academic achievements. The DAR Scholarship general application and the DAR Scholarship Financial Need form, as well as application forms for specific scholarships, such as the American Indian Scholarship, the Frances Crawford Marvin American Indian Scholarship, and the CD format requirement for the Nellie Love Butcher Music Scholarship can be found at <https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>. Applications accepted until February 15, 2021.

### **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS.ORG**

**CHECK THIS OUT!** More than 700 individual scholarships will be distributed through these programs. Students from Montana are eligible for all awards listed. Follow the link at:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sYCC8ga2-auPHbB5puq\\_ot8NriRpKxSu/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sYCC8ga2-auPHbB5puq_ot8NriRpKxSu/view?usp=sharing)

**CHECK THIS ONE OUT TOO!**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DnpukFW3Wrqm7R73dDgtK6OE36zQGh47/view?usp=sharing>