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Scholarships And Grants In Montana

Options for Residents and Non-Residents

To stay on pace with federal efforts, and provide supplementary assistance, states offer their own brands of financial aid for college students. When federal resources, from the Pell Grant (<https://www.collegescholarships.org/grants/pell.htm>) program and the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (<https://www.collegescholarships.org/loans/direct.htm>) run dry, Montana students of higher education use state-specific funding (<https://www.collegescholarships.org/loans/state.htm>) to meet tuition obligations.

Whether you are a resident or non-resident, there are a number of state programs available to underwrite Montana higher education costs. The Office of Public Instruction (<http://opi.mt.gov/>) provides a limited number of programs, and the Montana State University System (<http://mus.edu/>) supports its academic programs with a number of scholarships and grants. Awards are issued by public and private agencies, including need-based and merit-based options for qualified applicants. Candidates also participate in student-specific financial aid (<https://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/student-specific.htm>) initiatives designed to benefit particular groups, like Montana's Native American population.

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Montana State Government Scholarship and Grant Programs

The Montana Governor's Post-secondary Scholarship is a need and merit-based incentive. The Best and Brightest Program (http://mus.edu/Prepare/Pay/Scholarships/Governors_Best_and_Brightest_Scholarship.asp) is designed to make college education more accessible to Montana residents, and to keep greater numbers of state graduates living and working within their home state. Eligible candidates maintain a GPA of 2.5, and submit timely FAFSA applications. Awards are valued in the range of \$1000 - \$2000 each.

The federally-funded Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/lduesbyrd/index.html>) selects honors-level high school seniors, and provides financial assistance for stand-out academics throughout the state. Selected students are already accepted into four-year college programs, maintaining high academic standards.

The U.S. Senate Youth Program (<http://www.hearstfdn.org/ussyp/>) promotes the activities of students immersed in campus-government organizations. Funded by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, this scholarship program chooses two students annually, from more than 100 "student delegates," to receive \$5000 scholarships. Applicants are required to complete rigorous examinations, and participate in oral interviews.

Montana State University Scholarships and Grants

Horatio Alger Association (<https://www.horatioalger.org/index.cfm>) sponsors financial aid for Montana college students. Fifty competitive awards, valued at \$5000 each, are disbursed to deserving recipients, through the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. The Montana Scholarships serve students enrolled at the following participating universities:

- University of Montana – Missoula
- Missoula College
- Helena College
- Montana Tech at Butte
- University of Montana Western at Dillon
- Montana State University Bozeman, Billings and Northern at Havre
- Great Falls College

Participating institutions of higher education have agreed to match the awards, for each qualified participant, bringing the total individual disbursement to ten-thousand dollars, which is distributed over the course of each recipient's four-year college career. Successful applicants meet the following standards:

- Apply as a graduating high school senior
- Pursue bachelor's degree at participating school
- Display critical financial need, with a family income below \$50,000 annually
- Engage in community
- Participate in extra-curricular activities
- Display academic achievement, with a GPA of at least 2.0



- Maintain U.S. Citizenship and Montana residency

Students considering attending MSU in either the Bozeman or Billings locations will find the following scholarships and grants for resident and non-resident students.

Non-Resident Freshman Achievement Awards (<http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsnonres.shtml>), are made available for incoming non-resident freshman, and are issued based on merit. Montana college hopefuls apply with high scores on ACT and SAT tests. Awards are valued at as much as \$7500 per academic year, for each recipient.

MSU's Resident Freshman University Scholarships (<http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsres.shtml>), are merit-based incentives benefiting Montana residents who are incoming freshman.

Western Undergraduate Exchange Awards (<http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships.shtml>), allow certain students to receive in-state tuition at Montana schools, in exchange for reciprocal treatment at western colleges outside the state. Participants attend schools like MSU-Bozeman.

MSU's Presidential Scholarships (<http://www.montana.edu/wwuhp/pages/scholarships.html>) are awarded to incoming freshman with demonstrated high levels of academic and personal achievement. Non-residents are awarded the Presidential Scholarships, and may also qualify for resident tuition status.

Montana Native American Scholarships and Grants

Native American Scholarships (<http://www.montana.edu/admissions/nativescholarships.shtml>), are available for MSU students with proven tribal affiliations. These scholarships are issued based on need and merit.

Montana's Indian Fee Waiver (http://mus.edu/Prepare/Pay/Tuition_and_Fee_Waivers.asp), makes it possible for residents with at least ¼ Native American blood to receive tuition abatement for higher education.

MSU's Bozeman campus has instituted the Native American Non-Resident Tribal Homelands Scholarship (<http://www.montana.edu/admissions/images/HomelandsScholarshipInfoSheet.pdf>), designated for Native American students affiliated with the Montana tribal nation. Awards are valued as much as \$10,000 each.

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