

# Senior Update

**Columbus High School**

**Dec. 18, 2024**

## **Scholarships**

It works best to complete scholarship applications on a computer rather than on your phone.

### **Montana Clerk & Records Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 14, 2025

**Scholarship:** 2-\$1000

**Criteria:** plan to attend a Montana college

Application available in black box.

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

**DEADLINE:** January 31, 2025

**Scholarship:** 100 - \$1,000

**Criteria:** Must be attending college in state, must have completed 100 hours of volunteer service within 12-months prior to the date of application, and must have FAFSA completed. Application available at: <http://serve.mt.gov> Click on Commission Initiative tab at the top, then Youth Serve Montana Scholarships, scroll down to Apply Here.

### **Alcohol Responsibility Matters Scholarship**

**DEADLINE:** January 26, 2025

**Scholarship:** 5 - \$2,000

**Criteria:** write a brief essay and create a design to be used on billboards throughout Montana depicting "What does Alcohol Responsibility Matters mean to you?"

An application is available in the black box to look at but you must apply online at: <https://responsibilitymatters.mtrevenue.gov/>

### **Montana Community Foundation Scholarships:**

**DEADLINE:** Opens Jan. 1 closes March 31, 2025

**Scholarships:** Varies - They offer approximately \$80 million in charitable funds and gifts which include more than 50 scholarship funds.

**Criteria:** Varies

Go to [www.mtcf.org/scholarships](http://www.mtcf.org/scholarships) for information on all scholarships. Follow the directions to have qualified scholarships sent to your dashboard. You can also Follow their Facebook page at MontanaCommunityFoundation for scholarship information after Jan1, 2025.

### **Montana Food Distributors Association Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 14, 2025

**Scholarship:** Varies

**Criteria:** must be associated with the Food Industry through either employment or family relations within the Industry. If you work at IGA or you have a family member who works at IGA you would be eligible to apply.

Application available in the black box.

### **Midland Empire Credit Union Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 1, 2025

**Scholarship:** \$1,000

**Criteria:** must be a member of the Midland Empire Chapter Credit Union/Altana Federal Credit Union. Ask your parents.

Application available in the black box.

### **Yellowstone Valley Electric Coop Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 14, 2025

**Scholarship:** 12 - \$1,000

**Criteria:** Applicant or their parent/guardian must be a member of YVEC-their service area is East of Columbus closer to Park City and Billings. Must be attending a 4 year college.

Applications available at: [www.yvec.com](http://www.yvec.com)

Scroll to the middle of the page under scholarship.

### **Yellowstone Valley Electric "Luck of the Draw" Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 18, 2025

**Scholarship:** 12 - \$500

**Criteria:** family must be members of Yellowstone Valley Electric and must be in attendance of the membership meeting on March 18, 2025. The winners will be randomly drawn.

Applications available at: [www.yvec.com](http://www.yvec.com)

### **Yellowstone Valley Electric Coop-Ray Michels Memorial Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 14, 2025

**Scholarship:** 2 - \$1,000

**Criteria:** Applicant or their parent/guardian must be a member of YVEC- their service area is East of Columbus closer to Park City and Billings. Must be attending a 2-year college, vocational or technical school.

Applications available at: [www.yvec.com](http://www.yvec.com)

Scroll to the bottom of the page under scholarship.

### **Yellowstone Valley Electric Marlene Amen Memorial Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 14, 2025

**Scholarship:** 12 - \$1,000

**Criteria:** Applicant or their parent/guardian must be a member of YVEC-their service area is East of Columbus closer to Park City and Billings. Must be attending a 2 year, vocational or technical college.

Applications available at: [www.yvec.com](http://www.yvec.com)

***Reminder to do your own scholarship searching. Set profiles up on scholarship websites and they will do the searching for you – makes it much easier on you!***

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), and [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

Also, look at the **Reach Higher Montana** website. They have many scholarships listed. It is a one-stop-shop of sorts for senior information. They update their scholarship list daily. The scholarships are listed in order of due dates.

Reminder:

- **You should have your college applications in by now.**
- **You should be applying for all scholarships you qualify for.**
- **Be sure to apply for scholarships from the colleges you are applying to. Look at the college website under either "scholarships" or " financial aid."**
- **Make copies of ALL paperwork before mailing.**
- **Type all applications. If you must hand write, use blue or black ink and write neatly.**

## **Something to remember:**

When you go to college you will be assigned an "advisor" who helps you with planning your course schedule. Usually, your advisor will be a professor in the field of study you are pursuing. As a college student you must advocate for yourself. You are paying good money for your education in college. If for some reason you change your major, or you don't get along with the assigned advisor, or you feel your advisor is not doing enough for you, you have the right to request a different advisor. You should request a different one. Be proactive and advocate for yourself throughout your college years.

## **FYI**

Most private colleges have more money to distribute for scholarships. You may be pleasantly surprised at the final cost of a private school if you are awarded scholarship money. Best advice is to apply for your "dream school," have a back up plan and see what happens come spring time when you receive the financial aid packages.

Many colleges are now providing “Freshman Seminars” which are meant to help you determine your major. I encourage you to do the seminar which will provide you with more educational experiences and exploration.

### Montana Conservation Corps

**Not sure you want to go to college, not sure what to study in college, need some community service experience before attending college or need to make some money before going to college. Do you like to work and camp, learn new job skills, help the environment, earn money for college or work hard and feel great about it, check out the Montana Conservation Corps at [www.mtcorps.org](http://www.mtcorps.org) for further information?**

## **Update your resume, NOW!**

**Make sure you are paying close attention to deadlines:**

Varies	Reach Higher Montana	Varies
Jan. 10, 2025	LGBTQ Scholarship	Varies
Jan. 17, 2025	U.S. JCI Senate Foundation	\$1,000
Jan. 26, 2025	Alcohol Responsibility Matters	\$2,000
Jan. 31, 2025	Pheasants Forever	\$1,500
Jan. 31, 2025	Youth Serve Montana	\$1,000
Feb. 3, 2025	Elks Legacy Awards	Varies
Feb. 14, 2025	Montana 4-H Foundation	Varies
Feb. 14, 2025	Beartooth Electric Coop	\$2,500
Feb. 14, 2025	MECA Scholarship	\$500
March 1, 2025	Midland Empire Credit Union	\$1,000
March 14, 2025	MT Clerk & Records	\$1,000
March 15, 2025	Horatio Alger Scholarships	Varies
March 15, 2025	AMT MT Public Criminal Justice	\$500
March 14, 2025	Montana Food Distributors	Varies
March 14, 2025	YVEC-Ray Michels Memorial	\$1,000
March 14, 2025	Yellowstone Valley Electric Co-op	\$1,000
March 18, 2025	YVEC Luck of The Draw	\$500
March 31, 2025	Montana Community Foundation	Varies
Various	Reach Higher Montana	Varies

