

# Senior Update

**Columbus High School**

**Jan. 22, 2025**

Reminder that the grade point values will be changed after semester grades are posted. Do not print and send your transcripts until after Ms. Whiting lets you know the changes have been made.

## **Scholarships**

Remember neatness counts on scholarship applications. You should be typing all applications unless they specify not to. Also, be sure you are assembling the application materials for mailing as requested by the committee. Showing you can follow directions is important.

Go to the **Reach Higher Montana** website has one scholarship application for multiple scholarship opportunities. The application closes March 1. Go to: **[reachhighermontana.org](https://reachhighermontana.org)**

### **NILE Foundation Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 1, 2025

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

**Criteria:** Must have participated in NILE activities, currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA.

Application available at <https://www.thenile.org>

### **Montana Farmers Union Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 1, 2025

**Scholarship:** Varies

**Criteria:** Montana Farmers Union family membership dues must be current. So, ask your parents if they belong to the union. Judged on scholastic achievement, school involvement, community involvement, Farmers Union involvement, Short essay.

Application available online at:

<https://montanafarmersunion.com/education/scholarships-grants/>

### **Park City Fire Auxiliary Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 1, 2025

**Scholarship:** \$500

**Criteria:** based on good character, academics, financial need and volunteerism.

Application available in the black box.

### **Town & Country Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 1, 2025

**Scholarship:** 4 - \$1,000

**Criteria:** plan to attend post-secondary schooling in the field of agriculture. Must have a family member who is an active member of Town & Country Supply Association.

Application is in the black box.

### **Buchanan Family Foundation Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** February 1, 2025

**Scholarship:** \$500

**Criteria:** Must be a BPA participant and have applied for the Statesman Torch Award.

Application is in the black box.

### **Rimrock Pediatric Dentistry Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 28, 2025

**Scholarship:** 8-\$1,000

**Criteria:** attending 2 or 4 year college or trade school in the fall of 2024, essay required

Application information is in the black box. Ask Ms. Whiting to email you the application so Go to you can type the application in Google docs.

Scroll to the middle of the page under scholarship.

### **Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships:**

**DEADLINE:** February 14, 2025

**Scholarship:** Varies

**Criteria:** is currently involved and have participated in at least 2 years of 4-H and currently involved.

4-H Scholarships available at [www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html](http://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html)

### **Montana State Golf Association Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 15, 2025

**Scholarship:** up to \$2500 1- male and 1 - female

**Criteria:** Must have participated in golf, have established MSGA Handicap Index.

Application is available at [www.msgagolf.org](http://www.msgagolf.org) under the Junior tab.

### **Montana Odd Fellows/Rebekah Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** March 10, 2025

**Scholarship:** \$500

**Criteria:** Must have GPA of 3.0 or less and attending school in Montana.

Application available in the black box.

**Blewett Wrestling Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** April 2, 2025

**Scholarship:** \$1,000 per Class (AA, A, B/C)

**Criteria:** top wrestler from each class who displays the best combined qualities of wrestling and academic achievement.

Application available at: [www.hoytblewett.com/community/blewett-wrestling-scholarship](http://www.hoytblewett.com/community/blewett-wrestling-scholarship)

**YVW Empowered Women College Scholarship:**

**DEADLINE:** April 15, 2025

**Scholarship:** \$1,000

**Criteria:** Female, 3.0 GPA, demonstrates outstanding potential and achievement.

Go to [yellowstonevalleywoman.com/scholarship](http://yellowstonevalleywoman.com/scholarship) for application and send 2 letters of recommendation to [julie@yellowstonevalleywoman.com](mailto:julie@yellowstonevalleywoman.com).

**Montana Honor Scholarship**  
**and STEM Scholarship: Due**  
**March 15**

Applications available on line at [www.awardmontana.mus.edu](http://www.awardmontana.mus.edu).  
After your transcripts have been completed, Ms. Whiting will talk to those seniors who qualify for these scholarships.

**Senior Awards Night has been scheduled for  
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 7:00 pm.  
All local (and only local) scholarships will be  
presented.**

# **IMPORTANT**

If you are going to college next fall go to the college website and search for scholarships. Look under "scholarships" or "financial aid." Most colleges have their own scholarships to offer. Do this as soon as possible because most colleges have already begun the process of distributing money. You will need to have your FAFSA completed before the college will offer any scholarships to you.

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Please provide Ms Whiting with a copy of any scholarships you have received (even the ones you do not accept). They will be presented or acknowledged at the Scholarship Awards Night in April and/or in the graduation program.

# **Don't procrastinate!**

## Make sure you are paying attention to deadlines.

Jan. 26, 2025	Alcohol Responsibility Matters	\$2,000
Jan. 31, 2025	Pheasants Forever	\$1,500
Jan. 31, 2025	Youth Serve Montana	\$1,000
Feb. 1 2025	Buchanan Family BPA	\$500
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
Feb. 15, 2025	MT State Golf Association	\$2,500
March 1, 2025	NILE Foundation	\$1,000
March 1, 2025	MT Farmers Union	Varies
March 1, 2025	Park City Fire Auxiliary	\$500
March 1, 2025	Midland Empire Credit Union	\$1,000
March 1, 2025	Town & Country	\$1,000
March 10, 2025	Montana Odd Fellows/Rebekah	\$1,000
March 14, 2025	MT Clerk & Records	\$1,000
March 15, 2025	MUS Honor Scholarship	Tuition
March 15, 2025	MUS STEM/Healthcare	Varies
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 28, 2025	Rimrock Pediatric Dentistry	\$1,000
March 31, 2025	Montana Community Foundation	Varies
April 2, 2025	Blewett Wrestling Scholarship	\$1,000
April 15, 2025	YVW Empowered Women College	\$1,000
Various	Reach Higher Montana	Varies
May 1, 2024	YVW Empowered Women	\$1,000