

December

Scholarship Highlights

AFWA SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000-\$2,000)

Offers 2 scholarship programs to female students pursuing a degree in Accounting or Finance at a Montana college.

- **Undergraduate Scholarships:** Open to college juniors, seniors, and 5th year undergrads
- **Women in Transition Scholarship:** Open to female students who are returning to school full-time after a 4+ year break in education
 - **Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0**
 - **Requires 1 letter of recommendation**
- **Due February 15, 2025**



AISES SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000+)

Multiple tuition scholarships and funding for internships & research available for American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander students pursuing STEM degrees.

- **Must be enrolled full-time**
- **Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0**
- **Must meet enrollment and/or descendency requirements**
- **Opens December 15, due April 30**



APIA SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,500-\$20,000)

Variety of scholarships available to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander students pursuing any undergraduate degree.

Awards include one-time grants of \$2,500, all the way up to \$20,000 awards distributed over a period of 4 years.

- **Must have a minimum GPA of 2.7**
- **Preference given to students who are low-income and/or first-generation college students**
- **Due January 15**

CHARLES C. YOUNT SCHOLARSHIP (\$5,000)

For students pursuing degrees in Medicine or the Performing Arts (Theatrical Arts & Music only).

Open to current undergrads and graduating seniors who are applying to eligible graduate degree programs.

- **Must be enrolled full-time**
- **Must be a declared major in an eligible field of study**
- **Requires 1 online recommendation form**
- **Due January 21, 2025**



CLARKSTON SCHOLARS PROGRAM (\$10,000)

Open to college sophomores who are interested in a career in consulting, consumer products, life sciences, or retail industries.



Recipients are provided \$5,000 per year for their junior and senior years.

- **Must be a first-generation student**
- **Must submit copy of most recently filed FAFSA**
- **Requires 1 letter of recommendation**
- **Due February 7, 2025**

COBELL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000+)

Merit-based scholarships for American Indian students enrolled full-time. Offers two rounds of scholarships: one for the next academic year, and one for the upcoming summer semester.



Interested students should contact the Office of External Scholarships & Fellowships for assistance with their essays and application.

Application

- **Must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe**
- **Minimum GPA of 3.25 recommended, but not required**
- **Requires 1 letter of recommendation**
- **Opens December 15, due March 31**



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DAR SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,500-\$3,000)

Annual scholarships open to students nationwide. DAR membership is not required to apply!

American Indian Scholarships: For Indigenous students with financial need. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.25.

Borgens Teacher Scholarships: Open to sophomores & above who are pursuing careers in Elementary and Secondary Education fields. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.5.

English: Offers the Utz Scholarship for English to English majors who have a minimum GPA of 3.25.

Enid Griswold Scholarship: Open to juniors & seniors majoring in History, Economics, Government, or Political Science.

Math & Science: Offers the Utz Scholarship for Math and the Utz Scholarship for Science for eligible Math & Sciences majors. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.25

Music: Offers the Marian Anderson and Nellie Love Butcher Scholarships to students. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0

Nursing & Occupational Therapy: The Caroline E. Holt, Mildred Nutting, and Occupational/Physical Therapy Scholarships are open to eligible Nursing & OT/PT majors

Requirements for All Scholarships

- **Must submit an unofficial transcript**
- **Requires 2 letters of recommendation**
 - **Some scholarships accept up to 4**
- **Due January 31, 2025**

DARCY LYNN DEGAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,000)

\$2,000 scholarships for to Nursing students who graduated from an accredited high school in Montana.

Awards are renewable. Open to current undergrads and graduating seniors applying to graduate nursing degree program.

- **Sophomores:** Must be on an accredited BSN track
- **Juniors & Seniors:** must be enrolled in a BSN Nursing Program
- **Must have a minimum GPA of 2.75**
- **Requires 3 letters of recommendation**
- **Due June 15, 2025**

DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,500-\$5,000)

Grants renewable scholarships to child and spouse dependents of current or former service members of the U.S. Navy Submarine Force.

- **Child Dependents:** Must be unmarried, under the age of 24, and enrolled full-time
- **Spouse Dependents:** May be enrolled full- or part-time
- **Due March 15, 2025**

ERNEST F. HOLLINGS SCHOLARSHIP (\$9,500)

Renewable tuition scholarship with paid summer internship opportunities for students interested in careers, research, and education in National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration fields. Open to current sophomores completing a 4-year undergraduate program, and current juniors completing a 5-year undergraduate program.

Interested students should contact the **Office of External Scholarships & Fellowships** for assistance with their essays and application.

- **Must be enrolled full-time**
- **Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0**
- **Must be a declared major in a discipline including, but not limited to:**
 - **Atmospheric Sciences | Biological Sciences | Computer Science | Environmental Sciences | Information Science | Mathematics | Physical & Social Sciences (including Geography & Physics) | STEM Education | Technology**
- **Requires 2 letters of recommendation**
- **Due January 31, 2025**



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ESSENTIAL VISIONARIES SCHOLARSHIP (\$10,000)

For students with financial need who are enrolled in Education, Counseling, Psychology, or Nursing bachelor's degree programs.



Awards are renewable for up to 4 years, or until student completes their first bachelor's degree.

- **Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0**
- **Must provide information from first 2 pages of guardian's (dependents) or student's (independents) most recently filed 1040**
- **Due January 16**

FISHER HOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS (\$2,000)

Offers 2 scholarship programs to female students pursuing a degree in Accounting or Finance at a Montana college.

- **Undergraduate Scholarships:** Open to college juniors, seniors, and 5th year undergrads
- **Women in Transition Scholarship:** Open to female students who are returning to school full-time after a 4+ year break in education
 - **Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5**
 - **Must be enrolled full-time**
- **Due February 15, 2025**



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

This program provides tuition assistance and paid internship positions to American Indian and Alaska Native students who are dedicated to a career in health care.

Scholarships are renewable. Recipients also receive a monthly living stipend, along with separate funds to cover textbook, tutoring, and additional school-related expenses.

- **Health Professions Scholarship:** Open to all students pursuing a Bachelor's in Nursing or another qualifying health field. Must fulfill a minimum 2 year service commitment post-graduation in exchange for tuition assistance
- **Preparatory Scholarship (Pre-Nursing):** Open to rising sophomores and above pursuing a Bachelor's in Nursing.
- **Pre-Graduate Scholarship (Pre-Medicine & Pre-Dentistry):** For any pre-medicine bachelor's of science. Open to current sophomores and juniors
- **Must have a minimum GPA of 2.0**
- **Must submit an official transcript**
- **Requires 2 recommendation evaluations**
- **Opens December 15, due February 2025**





JEANNETTE RANKIN GRANTS (\$2,000+)



Unrestricted tuition grants for nontraditional students who identify as women or as non-binary, and who demonstrate financial need.

UM students are eligible for the following:

- **Emerge Grant:** For Montana and Georgia residents who are age 25 and older
- **National Scholar Grant:** No residency requirements; must be age 35 or older

Interested students should contact the **Office of External Scholarships & Fellowships** for assistance with their essays and application.



- **Open to any major**
- **Must meet income eligibility requirements**
- **Requires 2 letters of recommendation**
- **Due February 14, 2025**



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MHCA NURSE SCHOLARSHIPS (\$2,500)

Renewable scholarships for Montana residents who are pursuing a Bachelor's in Nursing either full- or part-time, and who plan to work in long-term care nursing in Montana.

- **Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0**
- **Must submit an official college transcript and/or official high school transcript**
- **Requires 2 letters of recommendation**
 - **LOR form available on website**
- **Due February 28, 2025**



NSHSS FIRST-GEN SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)

Merit-based scholarship for college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who are first-generation college students.

- **Must have a minimum GPA of 3.5**
- **Requires 1 letter of recommendation**
- **Requires a color headshot photo**
 - **Get a professional headshot taken for free at the Office for Experiential Learning & Career Success!**
- **Due March 20, 2025**



NSORO SCHOLARSHIPS (\$1,000+)

Renewable scholarships for former foster care youth who are currently pursuing a college degree.

Applicants can be enrolled full- or part-time.

- **Must have a minimum GPA of 2.0**
- **Must be under age 26**
- **Requires 3 letters of recommendation**
- **Must provide a court document/letter verifying former foster status**
- **Must submit an official college transcript**
- **Opens December 15, due March 15, 2025**



OAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (\$3,000)

Non-renewable scholarships for full-time students diagnosed with Autism.

These awards are available to UM TRIO students:

- **Schwallie Family Scholarship:** For Autistic students enrolled in a 4-year degree program
- **Synchrony Scholarship:** For Autistic Students of Color enrolled in a 4-year degree program

Applicants can only submit 1 application to 1 of the 2 scholarships each year.

- **Must provide date of diagnosis**
- **1 letter of recommendation recommended (Schwallie)**
- **1 letter of recommendation required (Synchrony)**
- **Opens December 9, due in April 2025**



PAT TILLMAN SCHOLARSHIP (\$10,000+)

Nationally competitive full-tuition scholarship and leadership development program for active duty or veteran U.S. military members, as well as military spouses. Scholars are also provided with living stipends, textbook allowances, and career development opportunities.

Open to current undergrads and graduating seniors who are applying to graduate school.

Interested students should contact the **Office of External Scholarships & Fellowships** for assistance with their essays and application.

- **Must submit a resume**
- **Requires a character recommendation**
- **Must submit most recent Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA**
- **Must submit 2 photos from military service or with spouse who is/was in military**
- **Must submit proof of military service**
- **Due February 1, 2025**



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PILOT INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP (VARIES)

This service organization offers scholarships to college students with career goals in education, family services, health, and youth development.



Club membership is not required for the following scholarships:



- **Becky Burrows Memorial Scholarship:** For nontraditional students. May be enrolled full- or part-time.
- **Bob King Co-Pilot Memorial Scholarship:** For students with financial need who want to work in youth development, brain safety & health, and/or family crisis and care.
- **Conrad Spirrison Scholarship:** For students with career goals in education. Must be enrolled full-time and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- **Pilot International Scholarship:** For full-time students with eligible career goals/majors in youth development, family, and health fields.



Requirements for all scholarships:

- **Requires 2 letters of recommendation**
- **Due March 17, 2025**

PRIDE FOUNDATION (\$1,500-\$30,000)

The Pride Foundation offers over 60 scholarships to LGBTQ+ students and community allies who are residents of Montana, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, or Washington.



Application

In 2023, the average award for a recipient was **\$6,700**; the largest total award was **\$31,500**. **Fill out 1 general application to be considered for all scholarships!**

Interested students should contact the **Office of External Scholarships & Fellowships** for assistance with their essays and application.

- **Optional, but highly recommended materials:**
 - **Resume | Transcript | 1 letter of recommendation**
- **Due January 10, 2025**



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PROGRESS OF IDEAS SCHOLARSHIP (\$5,000)

Award for students focused on economic equity and social justice, and who are driven to challenge inequality in government. Open to sophomores and above.

- **Open to all majors**
- **Must be enrolled full-time**
- **Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5**
- **Requires at least 1 letter of recommendation**
- **Due February 14, 2025**





RSM US FOUNDATION FIRST-GEN SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$10,000)

Generous scholarships for first-gen students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business, Technology, or a related field.

Awards are renewable for up to 3 years, or until student completes their first bachelor's.


- **Open to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors**
- **Must be a first-generation college student**
- **Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0**
- **Must be enrolled full-time**
- **Due February 28, 2025**



STEPHEN BUFTON EDUCATION FUND (\$2,000-\$10,000)

This fund offers scholarships to female students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Awards are open until all funding is exhausted or until 200 applications are received, whichever happens first.

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- **Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0**
 - **Requires 3 letters of recommendation**
 - **Due May 1, 2025**



Don't Forget!

THE 2025-2026 FAFSA IS NOW OPEN!

UM Priority Deadline: March 1, 2025



Start your application today!

Aid is given to students on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

This includes financial need-based grants (**Pell Grants & FSEOGs**) and internal scholarships that are awarded **automatically** to qualifying students by UM Financial Aid.

For the best chance at receiving all of the aid you qualify for, make sure to file your FAFSA before UM's priority deadline!

Need help filing, or have a few questions? Reach out to your TRIO advisor or UM Financial Education!



UM Financial
Education



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Both offices are open over Winter Break

Looking for More Scholarships?



College Board



Montana CIS
Scholarship Search



Dept. of Labor



Scholarships360



Fastweb



Scholarship America

Remember: most scholarships follow the financial aid year. They are usually awarded for next academic year, not the upcoming semester.

Make sure to look early, and look often, for scholarship opportunities!