



- How do I apply for a scholarship from Montana Community Foundation (MCF)?
  - Visit [mtcf.org/scholarships](http://mtcf.org/scholarships). Click on the "Apply Online" button. Create an account, take the eligibility quiz.
- When is the application deadline?
  - Midnight of the third Friday in March each year. (Technically 12 a.m. Saturday).
- How many scholarships can I apply for?
  - You can apply for as many scholarships as you qualify for, based on the individual scholarship criteria, and for best results take the eligibility quiz.
- Do I have to submit an "official" transcript?
  - No. We accept copies and "official" copies of transcripts. For high school transcripts, please make sure your grade levels are listed. For returning students, a copy of your transcript printed from your school portal is acceptable.
- Can I submit a paper application?
  - No, we only accept electronic applications through our online portal.
- What if I can't remember the password to my account?
  - You can go to the MCF scholarship webpage, click apply online button, at the logon page and select the "forgot my password" link. Make sure you are using a correct email. You can also call Scholarship Manager (Jenny Lou Stark) at MCF to assist you.
- Can I submit paper letters of recommendation?
  - No, an email request will be emailed to the recommender through the online application process.
- How do I know if my college/university/school is accredited?
  - Click a link below that includes the state where the school you plan to attend is located. Search for your school to see if it is accredited. Please search carefully as the name in the directory may be slightly different than what you may know it as.
    - [Northwest Commissions on Colleges](#) (Includes: Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington).
    - [Higher Learning Commissions](#) (Includes: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).
    - [New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commissions on Institutions of Higher Education \(CIHE\) & Technical and Career Institutions \(CTCI\)](#) (Includes: Connecticut, Maine Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Overseas).
    - [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges](#) (Includes: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Extraterritorial).
    - [Western Association of Schools & Colleges \(WASC\) Senior College and University Commission](#) (Includes States: California, Hawaii, and the Pacific).
    - [Middle States Commission on Higher Education \(MSCHE\)](#) (Includes: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands).
- Can I still receive the scholarship if I attend a school outside of Montana?

- This depends on the criteria for each individual scholarship. For example, the T. Eugene Young Montana's Promise Scholarship gives preference to those applicants attending a university/college in Montana.
  - If you are awarded your scholarship, a check will be mailed to your school's Financial Aid Office.
- Do I have to be a full-time student?
  - Each scholarship is different. Please check the individual scholarships criteria, see the toolkit at [mtcf.org/applications](http://mtcf.org/applications)
- How will I be notified if I do or don't receive a scholarship award?
  - If you are awarded a scholarship, a letter and certificate will be mailed to your home address or will be presented to you at your school by your school counselor or by one of our staff.
  - An email from our online portal will inform you if you did not receive a scholarship award.
- Is the scholarship award paid directly to me?
  - No, the award is paid to the school you will be attending. You will need to submit your school information follow-up that has been assigned to you through your online portal. Please see your award letter for instructions.
- When is my scholarship award paid to the school?
  - For new students, on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewal scholarships are paid the first Friday in August.
- Is my award paid all at once?
  - No, it is standard for the financial aid office of your school to split the award between semesters or quarters.
- Can my scholarship be transferred to another school?
  - Yes. You will need to notify us. Contact Scholarship Manager (Jenny Lou Stark) @ 406-441-4946 or [jstark@mtcf.org](mailto:jstark@mtcf.org). It is your responsibility to notify MCF.
- Can I defer my scholarship award to a later date?
  - It depends. You will need to submit a letter of explanation and request to have your scholarship deferred. The scholarship fund advisors and committee will review your letter and we will then notify you of their decision.