As Montana’s premier flagship university, Montana State University offers something beyond the conventional college experience. The people who live, work and play at MSU aren’t afraid to venture from what they know—to find a new place, to learn new things. Our researchers are pushing boundaries in their fields to make cutting-edge discoveries. Our professors are empowering students to go beyond the classroom to solve important real-world problems. And our students are making millions of acres of nearby wilderness their classroom, lab spaces and playground.

At MSU, you’ll create a college experience that’s as unique as you are.

think outside the ordinary
OUTGOING

Being outgoing means owning your adventure—whether it’s hiking Storm Castle, proposing a research topic that excites you, or making new friends. At MSU, you’ll find an adventurous, friendly community ready to welcome you.

When he was an MSU student in 1941, Maurice Hilleman didn’t know he would save millions of lives by developing more than 40 vaccines. Our students are empowered to unlock their potential in the classroom or lab and beyond.

We have the determination and grit to accomplish amazing things, like shooting entire documentaries from the back of a horse or being the first to discover life under the Antarctic ice.

SUSTAINING

From bringing clean water to underserved areas in Kenya through Engineers Without Borders to designing cutting-edge classes in the Design Sandbox for Engaged Learning, MSU is constantly evolving to support students designing their future.

Attending a top research university means having the chance to help make big scientific discoveries. Ignite your curiosity creating satellites launched into space by NASA or investigating critical biomedical issues.

MSU is a top producer of Goldwater scholars, the top choice for Montana University System scholars and offers challenging and exciting programs for any academic interest.

MSU is among the top 3 percent of colleges and universities in the nation for research expenditures. For our undergraduates, research can mean examining the microbiology of Yellowstone hot pools, analyzing the engineering properties that cause avalanches or pursuing creative activities such as producing an art exhibit. It’s just another way in which MSU students are encouraged to think beyond the classroom.

DYNAMIC

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Snow science: Snow science faculty and students study snow as a material to conduct research on the mechanics of avalanches.

Research centers

Research takes place in 44 research centers and more than 300 on-campus labs

An optics hub

Bozeman has the highest concentration of optics and photonics companies in the nation, with MSU’s OpTEC at the forefront of optics research.

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What does it mean to think outside?

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...in Montana

- No. 1 public university, according to the Forbes list of America’s Top Colleges, based on value, post-graduation salary, and student experience. —Forbes, 2018
- Best school for veterans: Each year, staff in MSU’s Office of Veteran Services work with nearly 600 student-veterans to provide the support they need to succeed in school. —Military Times Magazine, 2017
- Top producer of Goldwater Scholars: The Goldwater Scholarship is a competitive national award given to math, science and engineering students: MSU has produced 70 Goldwater Scholars. —2018
- Top 10 ROI for Public Universities: MSU is among the top public universities in the western region when one combines US News and World Report rankings with PayScale’s 30 year return on investment for a degree. —Best Value Schools, 2020
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- Innovation and Economic Prosperity Winner: “Talent” award honors an institution with exemplary initiatives in education and workforce development.

MSU Honors College
The Honors College prepares academically motivated students to think independently within a challenging and supportive community. Honors students can take unique interdisciplinary seminars taught by MSU’s most distinguished professors or learn from renowned guests such as Neil deGrasse Tyson or Paul Farmer. Honors students are routinely invited to join outstanding scientists in their labs or learn from renowned guests such as Neil deGrasse Tyson or Paul Farmer.

- Special offerings for honors students
- Great Expeditions:
- Enrichment through historically and culturally significant journeys abroad
- Freshman Research Symposium:
- Enrichment through historically and culturally significant journeys abroad
- Undergraduate Research/Creative Thesis:
- Excellent preparation for advanced education or careers

See complete list of current offerings at montana.edu/honors

...in the region

- Representing all 50 states
- No. 1 academic college in the region for research
- No. 1 in the nation for post-graduation salary, according to the Forbes list of America’s Top Colleges, based on value, post-graduation salary, and student experience. —Forbes, 2018
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**Bozeman facts**

- **Founded**: 1864
- **Coordinates**: 45°40’40”N 111°2’50”W
- **Elevation**: 4,820’
- **Average Snowfall**: 60”
- **Population**: 48,000
- **Micropolitan Population**: 107,800
- **Median Age**: 27.3
- **College Degree or Higher**: 54%
- **Area Trails**: More than 100
- **Wilderness Acres Near Bozeman**: 1.8 million
- **Highest Nearby Peak**: Gallatin Peak 10,997’
- **Area Rivers**
  - Gallatin
  - Madison
  - Yellowstone

**Direct flights**

Direct flights from Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Montana’s top airport

- Atlanta
- Chicago
- Dallas/Ft. Worth
- Denver
- Houston
- Las Vegas
- Los Angeles
- Minneapolis
- New York
- Phoenix
- Portland
- Salt Lake City
- San Francisco
- Seattle

**Home states of all students Fall 2017**

- Montana: 9,569
- California: 1,033
- Colorado: 950
- Minnesota: 495
- Idaho: 390
- Oregon: 359
- Alaska: 274
- Illinois: 214
- Wyoming: 208

**Top state home states**

- Montana: 107,000
- Washington: 10,700
- Idaho: 9,600
- Oregon: 9,500
- California: 9,000
- Colorado: 8,900
- Minnesota: 8,700
- Nevada: 8,400
- Arizona: 8,300
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Montana State thinks and acts globally.

**think outside... borders**

**Alaska**

MSU is collaborating with Alaskan researchers on indigenous health disparities facing Native communities in both Montana and Alaska.

**Canada**

MSU professor Mark Skidmore studies subglacial lakes that he helped to discover through satellite imagery. Researchers believe the lakes hold the key to understanding other bodies of water in our solar system.

**Bozeman**

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**Cuba**

MSU nursing students and professors traveled to Cuba to gain an appreciation of the health care system, culture and environment.

**Brazil**

A team of MSU students and ceramics professors constructed a wood-fired ceramics kiln for a local community arts center and built connections with artists from around the world.

**Mali**

Six scientists came from Mali to MSU to get the training they needed to establish a new agricultural entrepreneurship program in their home country.

**Chile**

MSU scientist Dave McWethy, an expert on wildfires, is studying wildfires in Chile to understand how changes in plant communities are influencing fire activity.

**Mars**

MSU professor John Priscu led a team of scientists who discovered bacteria living in the cold, dark environment beneath the Antarctic ice sheet. This finding is significant for understanding the potential for life in extreme environments, like the ice-capped moons of Jupiter’s moon Europa or Saturn’s moon Enceladus.

**Antarctica**

MSU paleontologists recently excavated four clutches of dinosaur eggs in the Hangzhou area of southeast China. The clutches held previously undiscovered dinosaur hatching stage.

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**Israel**

MSU graduate Rachael Marne Jones is building global leaders’ skills, working with Bedouin women to promote sustainable agriculture in the Negev desert.

**Kenya**

MSU’s Engineers Without Borders has been active for 13 years and completed more than 30 projects that have benefited an estimated 100,000 people in the Khwisero region of Kenya.

**Italy**

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**Japan**

Two MSU business students are selected each year via a competitive application process for an internship program in Japan. The internship takes place over the summer, during which the students work at the Starzen Company and experience the country’s diverse culture.

**Australia**

With the support of MSU’s Presidential Emerging Scholars Grant, electrical engineering student Levi Allery went Down Under to study solar-powered vehicles up close before returning to MSU to start the Bridger Solar Team.

**Montana**

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**Bozeman**

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Helping students succeed is MSU’s No. 1 priority.

Support for student success
Success advising, career coaching and financial coaching are among the personalized services provided by the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success.

SmartyCats Tutoring
SmartyCats Tutoring provides peer tutoring for anyone who wants help with homework and class material, needs assistance preparing for exams or feels a little behind.

Rockin’ the “M”
The Office of Student Engagement is the hub for students to connect with their fellow Bobcats through student government, organizations, programs, events and service to the community. Below, MSU students come together to restore the landmark college “M” on Mount Baldy, in celebration of its 100th anniversary.

MSU Library
The MSU Library is one of the busiest buildings on campus, with 30,000 visits in a typical week. Library resources include:
• The Innovative Learning Studio provides wireless Apple TVs to access teaching and learning apps from mobile devices.
• Writing Center and an IT help desk
• The MSU Library Commons offers a flexible, technology-rich, collaborative environment that allows for endless configurations of student-created study spaces and group study rooms.
• Brewed Awakening coffee shop

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dh hundreds of student clubs and programs of academic study, dozens of athletic activities to watch or play, and four seasons in an outdoor paradise, every day can look different for each of our more than 16,000 students from fall, to winter, to spring and summer. Here’s an idea of what a day in the life of an MSU student might look like.

Latte and breakfast at Miller Dining Commons

Lunch at the Fork in the Road food truck

Prep for calc test at the Math Learning Center

Mongolian barbecue at Miller Dining Commons

Rent a kayak from Outdoor Rec and head for the Gallatin

Noon

1:10 P.M.
Honors Class: Texts & Critics: Imagination

5 P.M.

7 P.M.

8 A.M.

9 A.M.
Chemistry lab in Gaines Hall

10:30 A.M.
SmartyCats tutoring at the Library

2 P.M.
Work out at the fitness center’s climbing wall

3 P.M.

5 P.M.

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When you imagine your residence hall, do you picture a room for waxing your skis or tuning your bike? When you think of your meal plan, do you consider that it might include lattes and food courts with everything from bacon cheeseburgers to hand-tossed pasta and Mongolian stir-fry? At MSU, you get all this and more in your first-year college experience. Choose your own residence lifestyle: Living Learning Community, all-male, all-female or co-ed living. Cook for yourself on the weekends in the shared kitchens, or go all-in with a full meal plan so you can focus on your studies.

Living Learning

Choose any of 7 Living Learning Communities based on academic interests, designed to help you succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

LEED Gold

Yellowstone Hall earned LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for energy-efficient and sustainable design and construction.

The Den

Located in South Hedges Residence Hall, the student success center offers free walk-in tutoring for math, physics, chemistry and writing. Also available through The Den are success advisors, career coaches and financial coaches.

Yellowstone Hall

Co-ed double, single and semi-suite room layouts • Community kitchen area • Fireplace lounge • Ski lockers • Bike-maintenance room and locked storage • Climbing boulder • Outdoor common area with gas grills • Active and quiet areas on all floors • Collaborative academic work areas
Enjoy the excitement of cheering for the Bobcats in 14 NCAA Division I sports and NIRA rodeo. Join the crowd at the first football game of the year, called Gold Rush. Cheer on our men’s and women’s basketball teams in the winter. Come to the spring rodeo to see everything from steer wrestling to barrel racing. There’s always a way to show your spirit and share in the Bobcat Athletics experience. The best part is: Regular season Division I events are free for students.

Bobcat Athletics Highlights

- Women’s basketball advanced to the NCAA tournament in 2017.
- The Bobcats claimed the 2017 Great Divide Trophy in the 117th Cat-Griz football rivalry game.
- MSU Rodeo teams have claimed 8 national team titles, 32 individual national championships and a multitude of Big Sky regional championship belt buckles.
- Skier Benni Lyche claimed the 2017 national giant slalom title.

The Bobcat Mascot

The Bobcat was selected as MSU’s mascot in 1916 for its cunning intelligence, athletic prowess and independent spirit. At the time, MSU students also noted that the bobcat is known for its agility and wildness of spirit. We are Bobcats: feared and respected for our tenacity, athleticism and wit.

The annual Gold Rush game at Bobcat Stadium

Nico Harrison went from playing basketball at MSU to managing brands of top basketball players LeBron James and Kobe Bryant. After MSU, he traded plans for a career in medicine for career opportunities in basketball. At first, he played basketball professionally in Europe before transitioning into Nike. Today, he’s the vice president of North America basketball operations at Nike.
Our outdoor environment is a big part of our students’ lives. MSU is located in an adventurer’s paradise, with access to great downhill and cross-country skiing, three blue-ribbon fishing rivers and a variety of wilderness for hiking, camping and water recreation. From rock and ice climbing to paddle boarding to trail running, Bozeman offers an abundance of opportunities to play outside.

**Top ski town**

Bozeman ranked among top 5 best ski towns in the world.

—National Geographic

**Gear up**

Rent gear for every adventure and every season from the MSU Outdoor Recreation Program—rafts, fly rods, skis, tents, mountain bikes, and more.

**MSU is Trout U™**

The Bozeman area is an angler’s dreamland with five major rivers, innumerable streams and abundant alpine lakes. You could dedicate a lifetime to fishing the area—and many people do. That’s one of the reasons MSU is known as Trout U.™

**Ski areas within an hour of campus**

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ABOVE: Mountain biking in the Bridger Mountains

RIGHT: Top to bottom: Rock climbing in Gallatin Canyon • Snowshoeing in the nearby Spanish Peaks

OPPOSITE: Fly fishing on the Yellowstone River in nearby Paradise Valley
Bozeman offers a big experience in an easygoing community. See your favorite band perform live at the Rialto or learn about ice climbing at the Bozeman Ice Festival. Grab a coffee or a bite to eat at any of more than 40 downtown restaurants featuring burgers, sushi, tacos and more. Meet up with friends at The Ellen or The Emerson Center to enjoy community theater, ballet and indie films. Whatever your interests, there’s always something to check out in or around downtown Bozeman.

* According to Movie Maker Magazine and the National Center for Arts Research’s Arts Vibrancy Index for small towns.
A GUIDE TO MSU’S ACADEMIC COLLEGES

250+ AREAS OF STUDY

Academic options

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

- Agricultural Business
- Agribusiness Management
- Farm & Ranch Management
- Agricultural Education
- Broadfield Teaching
- Ag Comm, Leadership, and Extension
- Animal Science
- Equine Science
- Livestock Management & Industry
- Science
- Biotechnology
- Animal Systems
- Microbial Systems
- Environmental Horticulture
- Environmental Horticulture Science
- Landscape Design
- Environmental Sciences
- Environmental Biology
- Geospatial & Environmental Analysis
- Land Rehabilitation
- Soil Science
- Soil & Water Sciences
- Water Resources
- Entomology (multiple departments)
- Financial Engineering
- Genetics (multiple departments)
- Microbiology–Pre-Veterinary Track
- Natural Resources & Rangeland Ecology
- Rangeland Ecology & Management
- Plant Science
- Crop Science
- Plant Biology
- Plant Biotechnology
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine
- Sustainable Food & Biomass Systems
- Agronomy
- Sustainable Crop Production
- Sustainable Livestock Production

JAKE JABS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Business
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Business Certificate
- Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
- Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- *Master of Professional Accountancy—one-year program

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- Biological Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Land Surveying
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Sciences (ISE, ISE/Info, Industrial Engineering, Interdisciplinary Option, Professional Option, Biomedical Engineering)
- Computer Sciences (Arts, Humanities or Business Interests)
- Construction Engineering Technology
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Financial Engineering
- Industrial & Mgmt. Systems Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Aerospace
- Building Energy Systems
- Materials
- Mechatronics
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Military Aerospace Studies—Air Force ROTC
- Military Science—Army ROTC
- Military Studies
- Master of Science in Industrial & Management Engineering—two additional years

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- Elementary Education K-6
- Early Childhood
- Mathematics
- Reading K-12
- Science Education
- Special Education
- Secondary Education
- Agricultural Ed Broadfield Teaching
- Art Education K-12 Teaching
- General Science Broadfield Teaching
- Biology Teaching
- Chemistry Teaching
- Earth Science Teaching
- Economics Teaching
- English Teaching
- History
- History Teaching
- Middle School
- Science, Environment, Technology & Society
- Liberal Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Global/Multicultural Studies
- Quantum
- Global Studies
- Global Health
- Sustainability
- Modern Languages & Literatures
- China Studies
- French & Francophone Studies
- German K-12 Teaching
- German Studies
- Hispanic Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Latin American & Latino/a Studies
- Spanish K-12 Teaching
- Native American Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Government Teaching
- Pre-Law
- Psychology
- Applied Psychology
- Psychological Science
- Sociology
- Anthropology
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- Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies
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**Perform**

18 **PERFORMING GROUPS**

- including vocal, wind, string and chamber and jazz ensembles

**Gear checkout**

MSU film and photography students can check out any of 38 different types of cameras, free of charge.

**Phillip Baribeau** came to MSU for the outdoors and found a career as a filmmaker. After graduating, he kept in touch with his professors and peers, asking for their help when he directed his first feature-length film, the documentary *Unbranded*. He captured the story of four recent college graduates who adopted and rode wild mustangs from Mexico to Canada along the Rocky Mountains. Now, he’s promoting *Charged*, his latest documentary.

*As a filmmaker, I couldn’t have found a better spot than MSU. It really combined all the reasons I moved out: the outdoors, skiing, biking and hiking—and since I took a photo class, that transitioned into film. In class I could learn the theory and the technology behind the craft, take it, and then do the things I loved with it.* —Phillip Baribeau, film alumnus

**DESIGN SANDBOX FOR ENGAGED LEARNING**

A collaboration space where faculty, students and industry professionals from different fields use design thinking to solve problems.
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Expertise in a thriving industry

Launched in Fall 2017, MSU’s new Hospitality Management degree has options in Food Enterprise, Lodging & Facilities Management and Restaurant Management: Farm-to-Table

As an education student, Ryan Hannahoe channeled his enthusiasm for astronomy into summer internships with NASA. After becoming a middle school science teacher, he carried that enthusiasm with him into the classroom. In 2015, he was selected to be one of nine members of a new, international astronomy educator program that sent him to visit observatories in Chile. He’s also had his photography of the night sky featured by the Smithsonian’s Air and Science magazine.

Student Clubs

EHHD students can get involved in thirteen clubs and organizations

Think outside... the classroom

“My goal is to get people—kids and their teachers—excited about science. I want to make learning about the natural world accessible to all.”

—Ryan Hannahoe, educational alumnus
Engineering and computer science students at MSU think beyond concepts to find solutions on campus, in their communities, worldwide and even in space. Some students are designing solar cars for competition while others are donating their time and effort to Engineers Without Borders to help the people of Khwisero, Kenya, get access to clean water. Plus, students in the Space Science and Engineering Lab have built satellites that were launched into space by NASA. It’s easy to understand how MSU Engineering graduates are prepared for fulfilling careers with Google, Boeing and more.

Jaime Waydo graduated from MSU in 2000 with a degree in engineering. Then she led the team that designed the mobility systems for the Mars Rover, which landed on Mars in 2012. Now she’s designing self-driving cars for Waymo, formerly Google’s self-driving car project. In 2016, she returned to MSU to present on autonomous cars for MSU’s Astronomy and Aerospace Day.

"The professors at MSU really try to unlock what it is each student is striving to attain. When you have professors that have that kind of touch and that kind of care for their students, then the students don’t grasp that there can be ceilings on their careers. Because of this, I’ve always thought that anything I want to do, I can do."
— Jaime Waydo, mechanical engineering alumna
H umanities and social sciences students and professors at MSU learn concepts that take them to exciting places in their lives and careers. Robert Pirsig taught at MSU before writing Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance. Sarah Vowell studied Modern Languages and Literatures before becoming a nationally renowned essayist and actress. Evin Groves, a liberal studies major who focused on music and business, now owns a thriving national music technology business. MSU students’ big ideas regularly earn them prestigious national awards, including Rhodes, Udall and McNair scholarships.

N ada Glass Bakos took her education in economics and translated it into a career as a highly regarded national security expert. As a CIA analyst, she was a key player in unearthing information that led to finding Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, the godfather of ISIS. She has appeared as a guest commentator on ABC, BBC, CBC, CNN, FOX, MSNBC, PBS, and as a resource for journalists at the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post and other major international and national media outlets.

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MSU is ranked as the 26th most technologically advanced university in the world. —greatvaluecolleges.net

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Important date for financial aid

The priority date for filing your Application for Federal Student Aid available at: fafsa.ed.gov. MSU’s school code is 002532.

Applying for financial aid is as easy as 1-2-3.

1. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This can be done online at fafsa.ed.gov. To be considered for the widest range of financial aid, students should file the FAFSA by the December 1 priority deadline for the following fall semester. List MSU’s school code 002532 on your application.

2. Your financial aid eligibility will be sent to you based on the information you provide. Accept or reject your aid package by the deadline.

3. Once you are accepted for admission and have registered for classes, you will receive a bill listing your charges and the financial aid you accepted. Confirm your attendance with MSU’s Student Accounts Office to arrange payment.

Financial aid options include:
- Scholarships
- Grants
- Tuition waivers
- Loans*
- Student employment

MSU works hard to remove financial barriers

MSU distributes more than $120 million in aid each year to students and their families.

Estimated Annual Cost of Attendance

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Grants do not have to be paid back. Federal grant programs include Federal Pell Grant and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant.

Loans are borrowed money that has to be paid back over a period of time after you leave school. Federal loans and programs include Federal Perkins Loans and the Federal Direct Loan Program, which consists of Federal Direct (subsidized and unsubsidized) Loans and Federal Direct PLUS Loans for parents of dependent students. Direct unsubsidized loans and Parent PLUS loans are non-need-based.

Estimate the true cost

MSU’s Real Deal College Cost Calculator gives you our best approximation of what it will cost you to attend MSU. Visit montana.edu/realdeal.

Cost savings programs

Graduate earlier, save on tuition

MSU’s Freshman 15 initiative helps students save money by encouraging them to take 15 credits each semester and graduate on time. At MSU there is no cost for additional credits after a student pays for the first 12, so taking 15 hours equates to a cost savings each semester.

MESA grant matching funds

This program helps eligible MSU and Gallatin College students with limited income save money for college expenses. For every dollar a qualifying Montana resident student in the MESA program saves (up to $500), it will be matched with $3.
A GUIDE TO MSU SCHOLARSHIPS

General scholarships

First-time college students—Residents

$ Award amounts will vary up to $12,000 (Up to $5,000 per year renewable, dependent upon test scores and grades).

Submit application for admission, Montana Premier Scholarship Application, GPA and official test scores.

Priority deadline is February 1, 2019.

www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/res

First-time college students—Non-residents

$ Award amounts will vary up to $60,000 (Up to $15,000 per year renewable, dependent upon test scores and grades).

Automatic consideration with application for admission, official test scores and GPA

www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/transres

Transfer students—Residents

$ Award amounts will vary up to $3,000, dependent upon test scores and grades.

Submit application for admission, Montana Premier Scholarship Application, GPA and official test scores.

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www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/transres

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Military scholarships

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)

$ Air Force and Army ROTC Scholarships are available for both incoming high school students and current university students that have a need for a scholarship to complete their undergraduate degree or master’s degree. Scholarships range from full 4-year scholarships down to 2-year scholarships and mandatory fees, for both resident and non-resident students, a yearly book allowance and a tax-free monthly stipend to defray the cost of living. Students must meet basic eligibility requirements.

For further information, contact the MSU Army ROTC Department at armymto@montana.edu (phone 406-994-5477) or the MSU Air Force ROTC Department at afrotc@montana.edu (phone 406-994-4022).

Veterans (Choice Act and Yellow Ribbon)

$ Montana State University complies with the Choice Act, Section 702 law for participants in Montgomery GI Bill or Post 9/11 GI Bill. For those that do not meet qualifying requirements for the Choice Act, MSU still participates in the Yellow Ribbon Enhancement Program.

Please contact MSU Veteran Services at 406-994-3661 or vets@montana.edu or montana.edu/veteran for information.

Merit scholarships

Presidential Scholarship

$ The Presidential Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship at Montana State University, in recognition of academic excellence and demonstrated potential for leadership and service. Up to 23 such scholarships will be awarded to freshmen entering Montana State University each fall. The Presidential Scholarship includes a full tuition waiver and a generous stipend renewable for up to four years.

Finalists who do not receive the Presidential Scholarship will be considered for the Provost Scholarship, which also provides a full tuition waiver renewable for four years and a stipend. Presidential and Provost Scholars automatically receive admission to the Honors College. A cumulative GPA of 3.75 and a composite score of 30 ACT or 1390 on the new SAT (2 scores) or 2000 on the old SAT (all 3 scores) are the expected norms for applicants. Deadline is 3 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on November 30, 2018.

montana.edu/honors

Departmental Scholarships

Be sure to check the website of the college or department where you plan to declare your major. There may be freshman or transfer scholarships available. If scholarships are need-based, you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Western Undergraduate Exchange

$ A very limited number of Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Awards will be available to new freshmen for the 2019/20 academic year. MSU WUE scholarships are highly competitive. The average ACT of MSU WUE recipients in 2018 was 31; SAT was 1550 and GPA was 3.8. Eligible students must submit a separate application to be considered. Students who apply for WUE will be automatically considered for all non-resident Achievement Award and will be awarded the offer of greatest value. WUE is not stackable with Achievement Awards or Distinction Scholarships. Priority deadline is February 1, 2019.

www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/western

Montana State University National Merit Scholar Program

$ MSU is proud to offer a scholarship program to students who are selected as Finalists in the National Merit competition. Finalists who list Montana State as their first choice school with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation will receive a one-time $3,000 tuition scholarship* for their first year. In addition, these students will receive $750/year renewable for 4 years from MSU along with a generous Premier Scholarship (for residents) or Achievement Award (for nonresidents).

If students are offered a MSU Presidential Scholarship, MSU Provost Scholarship, MUS Honor Scholarship or other full tuition scholarship waiver, they are advised to select the offer of the greatest value. Students offered multiple awards that are designated to cover base tuition and fees cannot receive more than 100% of the cost of tuition and fees from the combination of the awards. The base tuition and fees amount does not include room and board, books or other expenses.

American Indian scholarships

American Indian Tuition Waiver

$ The Montana American Indian Tuition Waiver is available for students that are residents of the state of Montana. The waiver requires a student to either be enrolled in a state-recognized Montana tribe or be at least one-quarter American Indian blood for a state- or federally-recognized non-Montana tribe. Students must also demonstrate financial need.

For more information contact the MSU Office of Financial Aid at 406-994-2845. Information and the application for the Indian Tuition Waiver can also be found on the Montana University System Fee Waiver website.

Native American Nonresident Tribal Homelands Scholarship Program (THSP)

$ The Tribal Homelands Scholarship is available to non-resident Native American students whose tribal ancestors called the area that is now Montana their home and who enter the university as new freshmen or transfers. Students who are enrolled in or affiliated with tribes whose historical life-ways intersected the boundaries of what has become the state of Montana may apply for the Tribal Homelands Scholarship.

For further information and a complete list of eligible tribes, please see www.montana.edu/homelandsscholarship

For further information contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@montana.edu or 406-994-2845.
think...ahead
Seven steps to get started at MSU

1. Take the ACT or SAT
   Register for and take the SAT or ACT. Have your scores sent to MSU. MSU’s ACT Code is 2420. MSU’s SAT code is 4488. Remember, only your highest score will be considered for admission. There are no penalties for taking either test more than once.

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    MSU Friday events give prospective students and their families a chance to meet with faculty and students, explore academic facilities, tour campus and investigate financial aid and scholarships. Register for one of these exciting programs by contacting the Office of Admissions. For dates and registration information, visit montana.edu/msufriday.

40. Directions to campus
    From the west: Take I-25 east 205 miles to Bozeman. Exit to South 7th Avenue, turn left and continue to parking areas.
    From the east: Take I-90 exit 309 onto Kagy Boulevard. Turn right and continue to parking areas.

41. MSU Campus Tour:
    www.montana.edu/tour

42. Meet an MSU rep
    MSU representatives travel all across the U.S. to share information at high schools and college fairs. Full travel schedules can be found at montana.edu/appointments. You can email us at admissions@montana.edu for more information.

43. Schedule a visit
    We encourage you to schedule your visit two weeks in advance so you can maximize your time. Go to montana.edu/admissions or call 888-MSU-CATS. If you are unable to travel to campus in person, check out MSU’s virtual tour at montana.edu/tour.

44. Apply for admission
    Once you’re ready to apply for admission, go to montana.edu/apply and fill out your online application. Your application will be saved so you can return later and complete it at your convenience.
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