



Parent/Family Association

WHAT IS IT?

The PFA is a group consisting of all parents and families of current students. The organization is governed by a Board made up entirely of parent volunteers. The Board determines the allocation of funds and the goals and priorities for the group. A list of current board members, meeting minutes and agendas, as well as the constitution and by-laws is online at www.montana.edu/pfa.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PFA?

- To inform the families of enrolled students about MSU's mission, programs and services.
- To serve as a liaison and develop a good rapport between parents/families and the university community.
- To invite families to become better acquainted with MSU.
- To help publicize and stimulate enthusiasm for MSU.
- To encourage qualified students to attend MSU.
- To support career development opportunities for MSU graduates.
- To support legislation for the growth and improvement of higher education in Montana and at MSU.
- To support services for students as they make the transition from home to MSU.

PHONATHON – Goal \$65,000

This phonathon is the primary fundraiser for the PFA. All donations are used to support the above listed purposes, as well as to support the success of our students. The Board distributes the monies based on current priorities and goals. Over the past several years, student scholarships and support of student organizations have been the primary targets.

WHAT DOES THE PFA DO FOR YOU?

The PFA, together with Student Affairs created the ***Parent and Family Web destination***, www.montana.edu/parents as a way to assist parents in finding the information they need, when it's needed. The site is currently being redesigned to more effectively bring together resources from all over campus into one easy place. The PFA creates a periodic ***Family Newsletter***. This document contains important deadlines, campus activities, feature stories, program information and more. It combines resources already available around campus into one document, delivered directly to you, so that you have access to information in a timely manner. To subscribe, visit www.montana.edu/parents and input your email address, or call the office 406.994.4571. The PFA recommends that families also subscribe to the Bobcat Bulletin for weekly updates. www.montana.edu/bobcatbulletin

In addition, the PFA hosts the annual ***Parent/Family Weekend***. This is a terrific time to reconnect with your student, meet people around campus and explore the campus and community.

CONTACT:

The PFA hub on campus is located in the Office of Communications and Public Affairs. Staff is available anytime you have a question, concern, idea or just need someone to hear you and help you find a solution or resource. Please contact Jodie DeLay, PFA Campus Coordinator, with any questions, comments, ideas or concerns – or to volunteer to serve on the Board. Parents like you are responsible for recent improved communications and are vital to continuing to develop and enhance the connection between MSU and families of our students. Please consider getting involved.

MSU PFA, PO Box 172220, 433 Culbertson Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717-2220, ph. 406.994.4571, jdelay@montana.edu . Families are ALWAYS welcome.

THANK YOU for contributing to the success of our students. Your donation makes a difference!

- ❖ *This generous scholarship, thanks to the thoughtfulness of yourself and the Parent/Family Association, will assist greatly in my pursuit of a superior education and an eventual career in Film. I hope to become a professional that makes the department and the Parent/Family Association proud, epitomizing all of the values that Montana State University stands for, and by which it has created its highly regarded reputation. ~ Alexander*
- ❖ *I know it is hard to thank all the people that have donated this money since it comes from parents all over the country, but I wish they all knew how greatly appreciative I am. ~ Ben*
- ❖ *This (Parent/Family Association) Scholarship is going to greatly assist me in achieving my bachelor in Exercise Science at MSU and therefore move me toward my goal of being admitted into physical therapy school. MSU has taught me that to go far I must be the one to motivate myself to garner the grades I want for the life I want to live. I greatly appreciate this gift that you have given me and thank you again. ~ Heidi*
- ❖ *I am a first generation college student. I would like to thank you again for giving me this scholarship. It will help me get through my schooling so that I can obtain my goal of being a special education teacher. I feel that I can make a difference to a child who is struggling. ~ Amanda*
- ❖ *I will be one of the only people in my family to complete a four year college degree, which is something very important to my parents. My parents have always wanted me to go to college, but haven't always had the money to support me. At the same time, they have given me all the support they can in many other ways. This is one of the many reasons why my parents and I appreciate this scholarship so much. ~ Jeffrey*
- ❖ *Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the College of Nursing. We're proud of our instructors and graduates and we thank you for contributing to their success. Your pledge of support will make a difference for the college and especially for our remarkable students. ~ Dean Elizabeth Nichols*
- ❖ *Your contribution to my education will allow me to focus more fully upon my studies making continued academic success possible. I assure you that it will be put to good use. ~ Travis*
- ❖ *The (Scholarship Committee for University Studies) sincerely thanks you for your continued financial commitment to our students. Without your support, it is entirely possible that our exemplary students would never be recognized nor rewarded appropriately. ~ Patricia Lane, University Studies Scholarship Committee Chairman*
- ❖ *Thank you for taking such good care of our students. This weekend helped reinforce to us how much all the faculty and staff are committed to helping our son have a great career at MSU. We leave here knowing that we made the right choice and that he is in great hands! Thank you so much! ~ parent following Parent/Family Weekend*

