FYRE Sophomore Scholarship

**Description:** The Undergraduate Scholars Program (USP) is pleased to announce a scholarship opportunity for previous participants of the FYRE program.

**Eligibility:** Open to students who completed the FYRE program in AY 16-17. Students must be enrolled at MSU full time for AY 17-18.

**Funding Amount:** $500 - $2,000, pending student eligibility and availability of funds.

**Disbursement:**
Funding will be processed as a scholarship through the MSU Financial Aid office. Depending on a student’s existing financial aid package, the scholarship may be applied to directly cover tuition and fees, it may be processed as a reimbursement (if tuition and fees have already been paid at the time of processing), or the scholarship may be applied to offset another award (i.e. a student loan). The scholarship will be processed to apply for spring semester, 2018.

**Instructions:**

1. Compose a 1-2 page letter of application describing how the FYRE program benefited you. This may include, but is not limited to, your academic goals, professional goals, and/or overall MSU experience during your first-year. If applicable, please discuss any continuing or current research you are involved in as a sophomore.

2. Please be sure to include a cover page for your letter, which includes your FULL NAME, student ID number, cumulative GPA, current major, and a current email address.

3. Upload your application to the “FYRE Sophomore Scholarship” Box Folder ([https://montana.account.box.com/login](https://montana.account.box.com/login)).

4. Applications are due by midnight on Friday, October 20, 2017.

**Review:**
Applications will be reviewed by a committee of MSU faculty and staff. Awards will be made based on the merits of the applications, degree of demonstrated program impact, and student eligibility.

*Scholarships will be announced in early November.*

*Please note that some student scholarships/financial aid packages may preclude students from receiving additional departmental scholarships. USP will work with the Financial Aid Office to screen all student applicants for eligibility, to ensure that a Sophomore Scholarship from USP will not negatively impact students’ existing financial aid awards.*