SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Montana Promise Scholarships

CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR MONTANA STUDENTS.

WHAT IT TAKES

The Campaign for MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
WHAT IT TAKES TO DEVELOP THE LEADERS MONTANA NEEDS.

Montana Promise Scholarships will help us keep the best and brightest students right here in Montana. By extending a hand to Montana students who have the determination and commitment it takes to earn a degree, we provide the opportunity to gain a college education that will enable them to succeed in life.

Make a difference in the life of a student.

Commit to giving this year:
$2,000 annually for each scholarship

Commit to giving forever:
$50,000 to an endowment will provide for a scholarship every year into the future.
EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.

Montana Promise Scholarships are among our most powerful student recruitment and retention tools. They offer financial support for tuition, books and fees so that individuals can focus on their studies, follow through on their commitment to graduate and make the most of every day of their college experience.

As more and more individuals graduate from Montana’s high schools, we must keep students here at home by making performance-based scholarships renewable for successful students.

COMMITMENT FROM THE TOP.

President Cruzado and her team are committed to supporting the sons and daughters of Montana families who desire to pursue a college degree.

With your help, we plan to award more than 1,000 Montana Promise Scholarships by 2018—an increase of nearly 35%.

Privately funded Montana Promise Scholarships will help MSU to:

- Expand financial resources available to provide more Montana students with access to higher education.
- Diversify the student body with more financial resources for Montana’s Native American students.
- Raise the average need-based scholarship for each student by 10%. For the 5,750 students who need financial aid, that increase requires an additional $3 million in private support each year.
- Increase undergraduate five-year graduation rates from 51% to 65%.
- Recruit more of Montana’s best and brightest students.
CASSIA WAGNER

Heading into her third year at MSU, Cassia Wagner has racked up major achievements like discovering a new virus, qualifying as a Goldwater Scholar finalist and becoming the managing editor of MSU’s student newspaper, The Exponent.

Cassia’s choice to attend MSU was driven by both Montana State’s research reputation and generous financial support MSU offered her through scholarships, such as the Montana Resident Premier Scholarship.

A chemistry major, Cassia is studying viruses and their role in the evolution of life on earth. She has an opportunity that undergraduates at most other colleges don’t have—the ability to conduct research on the viruses in Yellowstone’s thermal pools.

“Scholarships help me to focus on school. In the summer, it is very apparent how they help,” Cassia said. “I don’t have to take out a lot of loans. I’m free to explore, whether it’s more school, or something else. It gives me so much freedom.”

ALANA DETTWILER

Alana Dettwiler came to MSU from Noxon, Mont. a small town of fewer than 300 people in the state’s northwest corner. “My graduating class was only 19 students. We got a lot of one-on-one attention in school.” Alana excelled in school and earned significant scholarships, including the Montana University System Honors Scholarship and a Horatio Alger Scholarship.

These scholarships helped Alana reconsider her plans to attend college out of state, and take a closer look at MSU’s high-quality academic programs. Through her industrial engineering studies at MSU, Alana found a place that would help her make a difference in the world.

“My primary goal has always been to graduate from college with a degree in something that matters, to me and the world,” Alana said. “I’m excited to learn about the ways that industrial engineers can change the efficiency and effectiveness of companies, and help people.”

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