Scholarships at Montana State University

Guided by an ambitious Strategic Plan, Montana State University seeks to increase the diversity of its growing student body. Scholarships will make that happen.

Land-grant universities, like Montana State, were established by Congress with the explicit intent to provide access to higher education for a larger and more diverse population.

MSU continues to fulfill that intent with the belief that wider access to high-quality education means improved economic prosperity and wellbeing of Montana.

Through scholarships we can continue to minimize the financial barriers that stand in the way of many students who want to pursue a college education. Scholarships will help MSU be more competitive in attracting the most promising learners from around the state and the nation.

BY THE NUMBERS

Cost of attendance for an Undergrad Resident

$6,850 per year for tuition and fees

$8,650 for room and board

$1,250 for books and supplies

$16,750

2015/2016 ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Cost of attendance for an Undergrad Non-Resident

Tuition and fees for out-of-state undergraduate students are estimated at $22,170 for a total non-resident cost of attendance of

$33,070

SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE THE DREAMS OF AN AFFORDABLE COLLEGE EDUCATION COME TRUE.
THE OPPORTUNITY

The scope of opportunity to fund undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships at Montana State is as varied and diverse as our community of 15,500-plus students. Examples include:

Montana Promise Scholarships will help Montana State University compete for both our state’s best and brightest students as well as those Montana sons and daughters who have demonstrated a willingness to work hard to obtain their college education.

Return to Learn Scholarships provide financial support for students who left MSU, but have decided to re-enroll and complete their degree. Students take a break from school for a variety of reasons. Return to Learn advisors work with students to help them overcome those obstacles that forced them out of college the first time.

Presidential Scholarships are Montana State University’s most distinguished academic awards, recognizing scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership and unique personal qualities. In 2015, 569 highly qualified and committed students applied for MSU Presidential Scholarships. MSU had resources to fund only 20 Presidential Scholars who receive annual tuition waivers, a generous merit grant and other unique incentives for each of four years.

One MSU Transfer Scholarships support students transferring to MSU from Gallatin and Great Falls Colleges. Financial assistance is a significant factor for these students as they seek to pursue higher degrees and transition from two–year colleges to four–year institution. These scholarships also bolster access for students from Montana’s tribal colleges.

IT TAKES INVESTMENTS IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship gifts make a difference in our student’s lives.

Commit to giving this year:
- $6,800 annually for a full scholarship.
- $3,400 annually for a partial scholarship.

Commit to giving forever:
- $170,000 to an endowment will provide a full scholarship in perpetuity.
- $85,000 to an endowment will provide a partial scholarship in perpetuity.

MICHELLE KNERR

Growing up on a family ranch near Lewistown, Michelle Knerr learned the importance of animal health care. Michelle, a senior at MSU and McNair Scholar, is majoring in animal science and says that she has plans to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine.

In addition to being a McNair scholar, Michelle has received other awards including the Pride scholarship, the Campbell Family scholarship and College of Agriculture scholarships.

With the guidance of her McNair mentor, Dr. Jim Berardinelli, she has been assisting in research on health and survival factors of high-altitude ungulates. Their research of these free-range wildlife populations has implications for advancing the livestock industry.

“The foundation that I am building my career on as a veterinarian is based on the love and respect for animals that I learned early in life on my family’s ranch in Montana, dovetailed with a strong education from Montana State University.”

A full-time student and mother of a nine-year old daughter, Michelle is grateful for the scholarships she has received that have helped her attain a college degree. The financial support and research opportunities at MSU have enabled Michelle to show her daughter it is possible to accomplish your dreams.