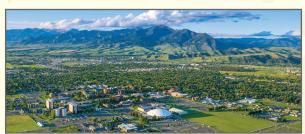
**FALL** 2020

#### MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

# scholarships

**Non-Resident Freshman** 







Montana State University will be offering millions of dollars in merit scholarships and awards to non-resident freshmen who apply for admission for the fall of 2020. You can find our scholarship information online at: montana.edu/scholarships.

#### **Achievement Awards:**

Achievement Awards are automatic, merit-based scholarships based upon GPA and test scores. Award amounts will vary up to \$60,000 (up to \$15,000 per year renewable). These awards will be applied toward tuition only. All non-resident freshmen who submit an application for admission complete with self-reported high school GPA and test scores (sent directly from the testing company) are automatically considered.

To be eligible, you must complete the following as soon as possible:

- Apply for admission to Montana State University. Apply online at **montana.edu/apply**. Be sure to include your **self-reported GPA**.
- Have your official ACT and/or SAT test scores sent to Montana State University directly from the testing company.

  ACT school code 2420: actstudent.org/scores/send

SAT school code 4488: sat.collegeboard.org/scores/sent-sat-scores

**Apply early!** These scholarships and awards may only be available for a limited time. It is essential to apply for admission and have your ACT and/or SAT test scores sent to Montana State University in Bozeman as soon as possible.

If you qualify, these scholarships will be automatically awarded when we have received your complete application (be sure to complete the section with self-reported GPA and your ACT and/or SAT test scores). Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail.

If you are awarded a renewable Achievement Award or WUE Award, you must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater, enroll for a minimum of 15 credits per semester and maintain non-resident status and continuous enrollment to retain the award throughout your four years at MSU. MSU freshman scholarships and awards are available to those seeking undergraduate bachelor degree programs only.

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# Non-Resident Freshman Distinction Awards:

These awards will be targeted toward non-residents who do not meet our regular Achievement Award parameters. Leadership experience, activities, honors and financial need will be considered. Only those non-resident freshmen who are not offered Achievement Awards need apply. Distinction Scholarships will not be stackable when students have been offered Achievement Awards. These awards will be applied toward tuition only.

The Distinction Award Application can be found at montana.edu/admissions/distinction.



# **Presidential Scholarship:**

The Presidential Scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship at Montana State University, recognizing academic excellence and demonstrated potential for leadership and service. Up to twenty 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. Recent Presidential Scholars have gone on to receive such renowned awards as the Goldwater, Truman, Rhodes and Mitchell Scholarships.

Visit montana.edu/honors for an application. Those who apply for the Presidential Scholarship are automatically considered for the University Honors College. The application deadline is 3 p.m. MST on December 6, 2019. Supportive materials (two letters of recommendation, transcripts and counselor verification) need to be submitted online by 3 p.m. MST on December 13, 2019.

# **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE):**

The Western Undergraduate Exchange is a scholarship that allows eligible recipients to reduce their tuition to 150% of the Montana resident tuition rate for up to 4 years. To be considered, non-resident freshmen from WUE States\* must submit an application for admission (with self-reported GPA), test scores (sent directly from the testing company) and apply for the MSU WUE Scholarship. This application can be found at montana.edu/admissions/wue. The deadline for fall 2020 is February 1, 2020. MSU WUE scholarships are highly competitive and require both high test scores and a high GPA. MSU WUE recipients in 2019 had an average 31 ACT or 1420 SAT AND a 3.8 GPA. Due to the high value of WUE and the volume of applications, the number of WUE Awards available to new freshmen for the 2020/21 academic year will be limited—apply early. MSU will begin offering WUE awards to those who apply for WUE Scholarships in November 2019. Students who apply for WUE will be automatically considered for all non-resident Achievement Awards and awarded the greater value. WUE is not stackable with Achievement Awards or Distinction Scholarships. Please note, only recipients of awards will be notified.

\*WUE States include: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY and CNMI.

# **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):**

MSU aims to make a college education affordable. Be sure to file your FAFSA to apply for federal grants, student and parent loans and work-study so that we can best meet your financial needs. MSU's priority filing date is **December 1, 2019.** Filing the FAFSA by this date will give you priority consideration for all financial assistance programs at Montana State University. The MSU school code is **002532**. The FAFSA Application can be found at **fafsa.gov**.

# **Making MSU Affordable**

#### Freshman 15

At MSU, tuition doesn't cost a penny more after you've registered for 12 credits in a semester. By using a flat rate tuition model, students can take 12+ credits without an additional cost while staying on track with a four year graduation plan. Visit **montana.edu/freshman15** to view your potential savings.

#### **Work on Campus**

Working on campus at Montana State University offers great opportunities to make friends, learn new skills and earn extra cash for everything from textbooks to tuition. Plus, the convenience of working at MSU means you'll never be far from your residence hall or classes. Benefits can include free Bobcat gear, flexible scheduling and even early move-in dates. Check out MSU job opportunities online at **montana.edu/comeworkwithus.** 

#### **Office of Financial Education**

The Office of Financial Education provides resources to MSU students to help them gain financial independence and learn techniques to achieve their life goals. Students learn to tackle debt management and sound budgeting skills through one-on-one financial coaching, workshops and events and informational materials. Visit **montana.edu/aycss/financialedu** to learn more.

#### **Payment Plans**

MSU knows paying for college can be daunting, so an interest-free payment plan is available to students who cannot pay their entire tuition bill in one lump sum. Instead of paying the bill in full, qualified applicants may pay their bill in four installments. Students are encouraged to visit **montana.edu/ubs/studentaccounts** to learn more.

**E**stimate costs



MSU strives to make a worldclass education accessible and affordable. Interested in what your merit scholarship opportunity might be? Visit our Merit Scholarship Calculator at montana.edu/meritcalculator for an early estimate of your Achievement Award offer.

#### **Estimated Annual Cost of Attendance**

#### **Nonresident Student**

Tuition/Fees \$25,850



Room & Board \$10,300 Books/Supplies \$1,450

Nonresident Student Total Estimated Cost \$37,600

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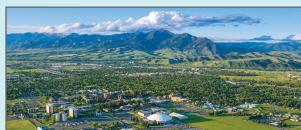


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Or mail to: MSU Admissions P.O. Box 172190 Bozeman, MT 59717-2190 EARLY February 1, 2020 is the deadline

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#### **Cat Scholarships**

Some of the colleges and departments at Montana State University offer scholarships to incoming students. Explore the opportunities that may be available to you at **montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/departmental**. The Cat Scholarship application opens on November 1st and has a priority deadline of February 1st.



## As Montana's land-grant institution,

Montana State strives to provide Montana students with an affordable, world-class education. Interested in what your merit scholarship opportunity might be? Visit our Merit Scholarship Calculator at **montana.edu/meritcalculator** for an early estimate of your Premier Scholarship offer.

You may be eligible for additional need-based aid; visit the Real Deal cost calculator at **montana.edu/realdeal** for your best estimate of what an MSU education would cost after your scholarships and financial aid.





#### **Montana's Best Value**

experience. - Forbes, 2018



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Colleges, based on value, post-graduation salary, and student