



Instructions

NextEra Community Impact Scholarship 2025/2026

Southeastern Montana Development Corporation

Who is Eligible:

Open to graduating seniors (May 2026) of Colstrip High School seeking to further their education in a general curriculum field at a **Higher Educational Institution in Montana.**

How to Apply:

Applications are available at the Colstrip High School Counseling Center, at Southeastern Montana Development Corporation office temporarily located at 12 Cherry Street (Colstrip City Hall) in Colstrip or online at www.semdc.org.

Selection Criteria:

The Selection Committee will review all eligible applications based on need, goals, essay response and recommendations.

Deadline: Applications must be received at Colstrip High School Counseling Center, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation office temporarily located at 12 Cherry Street (Colstrip City Hall) in Colstrip or by email to ahert@semdc.org by **5:00 pm on Friday May 1, 2026**. The recipient will be announced at the Graduation Ceremony.

Amount of Scholarship: \$5,000 Books and Tuition

Conditions of the Award:

The recipient must provide proof of enrollment at an accredited Montana college/university or a Montana vocational/tribal/technical school. If the recipient drops out of the program without completing the semester or term, the recipient must refund the full amount of the scholarship.



Application

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With
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NAME (*print*): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ OTHER PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please address the following on separate sheets of paper:

EDUCATION GOALS ESSAY: Include a one (1) page (maximum) Essay that includes your educational goals, needs and how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Please attach at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a non-relative who can attest to your academic, personal achievements and abilities. The letter should include:

- Name of Person
- Occupation Title and his/her relationship or affiliation with you.