

The most up-to-date available scholarships are posted in February of the current graduation year.

Scholarship Descriptions

Marletto Family Scholarships: The Marletto Family has donated \$5000 to fund one or two scholarships at the discretion of the PAEF Scholarship Committee. It is their desire that this scholarship should go to a worthy Granite County student who might not be able to attend a post-secondary institution without it. Applicants MUST provide documentation with their application supporting the criterion of financial need. PAEF will ensure the confidentiality of any documentation submitted. Preference is given to a current-year graduate. (You may use the EFC from your FAFSA evaluation) The criteria for selection are financial need, personal character and academic potential.

PAEF Board of Directors' Scholarship: This scholarship is donated by the Board of Director members. The amount will be at least \$1000. This scholarship is available to a resident of Granite County whether or not they are presently attending a post-secondary institution. Character and academic potential are the primary criteria for award.

KPK Trust Scholarship: a \$3000 scholarship through the National Philanthropic Trust based in Philadelphia, PA is for a Granite High School graduating senior. A 1000 word essay is required, describing in detail, career goals and plans. See the Granite High School counselor for application details.

Service Recognition Scholarship: at least \$1000 for a Granite County student to engage in post-secondary education or training. Character and academic potential are primary criteria. Preference will be given to returning students – those enrolled in 2nd year or more. This scholarship is given in recognition of a person who has contributed to Granite County through community service.

Tom Hood Leadership Scholarship: at least \$1000 for a Granite County student to engage in post-secondary education or training. Character and academic potential are primary criteria. Preference will be given to returning students – those enrolled in 2nd year or more. This scholarship is given in recognition of Mr. Tom Hood who organized the Philipsburg Area Education Foundation in 1999, established an endowment with the Montana Community Foundation, and provided hands-on leadership throughout the years.

Commander Bernard J. O'Rourke Scholarship: This \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Granite High School, Commander O'Rourke's alma mater. The family and friends of Commander O'Rourke provide funds for this scholarship in memory of his beginnings in Philipsburg and his character which lead to a long and successful career. Students applying for this scholarship should look at Commander O'Rourke's. Character and academic potential are the primary criteria for award. In addition, in an essay, the student must state how Commander O'Rourke's

life might motivate them to seek high education or describe how similar character traits and/or experience motivates them to seek higher education.

Rose and Thomas Brogan Scholarship: Patricia Cloney Estate, the daughter of Rose and Thomas Brogan, provided funds for a \$1500 scholarship annually. Students applying for this scholarship **MUST ALREADY BE IN COLLEGE** at as a sophomore or higher, and engaged in major study of Business, Economics or Mathematics.

Eik Family Scholarships: The Eik Family donates funds for two (2) \$500 scholarships. It is their desire these scholarships be made to Granite County students, with preference given to current-year graduates pursuing vocational training. Criteria includes financial need, personal character and academic potential. Financial need must be documented (you may use the EFC from your FAFSA evaluation.)

Jon Manke Memorial Scholarships: Employees and friends of Granite County Medical Center (GCMC) and Granite County Medical Foundation (GCMF) provide scholarships: (2) \$250 scholarships and (4) \$500 scholarships honoring Jon Manke, RN, who retired from GCMC and died shortly thereafter in a motorcycle accident. One \$250 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Drummond High School and one \$250 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Granite High School planning to major in the healthcare field -- preference shall be given to nursing. Two \$500 scholarships shall be awarded to sophomore or higher college students majoring in healthcare from the upper valley area and two \$500 scholarships shall be awarded to sophomore or higher college students majoring in healthcare from the lower valley area. College students (residents) from the upper and lower valleys are eligible even if they did not graduate from Drummond or Granite High Schools. The awards may be combined into a single award if there is only one qualified candidate in a category.

Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship: Two \$500 scholarships are provided by Bill Wyatt to honor the memory of his son Will. They will be awarded to current-year graduates of Granite High School -- one male and one female graduating senior engaging in post-secondary education or training.

Molteni Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship is provided by Rich and Joyce Molteni. This scholarship will be awarded to a Granite County student preparing for a career in healthcare.

Leipheimer Family Scholarship: \$1000 for a Granite High School graduate (current or past) to engage in post-secondary education with preference given to a student pursuing vocational training.

David M. Rouse Memorial Scholarship: \$500 for a Granite High School graduate (current or past) to engage in post-secondary education with preference given to a current-year graduate.

Keith Graybeal Memorial Scholarship: This \$250 scholarship is provided to the winner of the county-wide 7th & 8th grade essay contest. The essay topic is *The Advantages of Living in a Small Town*. The best essay from each school is forwarded to a scholarship committee to choose the award recipient. The \$250 award is placed in a special account of the PAEF Endowment Fund where it can gain interest and dividends until the recipient graduates from high school, then the entire award is transferred to a post-secondary school of choice. Should the stock market decline, the original scholarship of \$250 is still awarded. Contest requires a special application -- see Scholarship Applications page to download application and information.

9/10th Grade Essay Contest: \$250 scholarship contest requires 500 word essay on the topic: 1 or 2-year technical certification versus 4-year university degree in a career field or particular job. Montana Labor Market data must substantiate essay argument or claim. Contest requires a special application -- see Scholarship Applications page to download application and information.

11th Grade Community Service Project and Essay Contest: \$500 scholarship contest requires a documented 10-hour community service project and 500-700 word essay on the topic: Community Service is Vital. Research data must substantiate essay claim. Contest requires a special application -- see Scholarship Applications page to download application and information.

Other Scholarships and grants: Even though the resources of PAEF are somewhat limited, applications for educational training for a variety of purposes will be accepted at any time during the year. It is essential the applicant clearly describe the scope and purpose of the course work being contemplated. It is unlikely the Foundation would fund more than 50% of any tuition and fees. The application must be submitted in a timely manner to enable processing.

More scholarships can be found at Montana Community Foundation. For most MCF scholarships, students may begin applying online January 1 with a closing date March 18. Scholarships generally range between \$500 and \$5000, and some are multi-year awards.