

# Keith Graybeal Memorial Scholarship Information

This \$250 scholarship was established in memory of Keith Graybeal and is administered through the Philipsburg Area Education Foundation (PAEF). The intent of this scholarship and required essay is to get students writing, learning and looking forward to the next level of training needed to be successful adults.

## ELIGIBILITY:

This contest is open to all 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students with residency in Granite County.  
LATE and/or INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS shall not be considered.

**TOPIC:** The Advantages of Living in a Small Town

The topic intent is to show living in a small town has impact on the way children perceive their place in the world and their plans for further education and life – getting students at an earlier stage in life to start thinking about going to college or vocational training.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete the Graybeal Scholarship Application (see [paefmt.com](http://paefmt.com) for application forms)
2. Write an essay of 250 – 500 words in length on the given topic
3. Essay must have a title that reflects the essay content
4. Essay must be type-written using a standard size 12 font
5. Essay must be a narrative-type, reflecting Montana Standards for Writing for Grade 7
6. Essay must demonstrate conventions of standard English - Montana Standards for Language for Grade 7
7. Submit for school evaluation by the 1st Monday in April

## EVALUATION:

One student essay from each Granite County middle school shall be chosen by their school's selection process and forwarded for final evaluation and award through the Essay Contest Scholarship Committee. Each school's winning essay and any other essay, including homeschool students and students whose schools choose not participate, must be mailed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in April to:

PAEF, P. O. Box 900, Philipsburg, MT 59858 – Mark Envelope **7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Contest**

Regardless of the selection process, the final essay evaluation shall include standards as listed in the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) *College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards: Writing Standards and Language Standards for Grade 7*: These standards can be accessed at [www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov) - Montana Common Core Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects by Grade-Band.

## AWARD:

The student does not receive a cash award; rather, the scholarship is maintained in PAEF's endowment fund until the student graduates from high school. At that time, the student shall designate the post-secondary institution to apply the scholarship. PAEF shall release the scholarship, plus any interest growth it has accumulated, to the designated institution. The award is guaranteed a minimum of \$250 regardless of the stock market. The winning student must give consent to PAEF to publish their name and essay in their newsletter and news releases. The winner of this scholarship and their family shall be invited to attend the PAEF Scholarship Reception on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in May.

# Keith Graybeal Memorial Scholarship Application

Name:		Date:	
Mailing Address:		Phone:	
City and State:		Zip:	
Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____		Email address:	
Parent or Guardian Contact Information:			
Father's Name:		Mother's Name:	
School Attended: _____ Drummond _____ Philipsburg _____ Hall _____ Home School or Resident			
Grade: _____ Seventh _____ Eighth			
English Teacher, Counselor or Instructor's Name:			
Topic for essay: The advantages of living in a small town			
Title for essay:			
Guidelines: The topic shall be explained by your English teacher. The essay shall be type-written using a standard size 12 font. It should be 250 – 500 words in length and free of grammar and spelling errors.			
Evaluation: Standards for Grade 7 as listed in the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) <i>College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards: Writing Standards and Language Standards</i> . These standards can be accessed at <a href="http://www.opi.mt.gov">www.opi.mt.gov</a> <i>Montana Common Core Standards for English Language Arts &amp; Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects by Grade-Band.</i>			
Authorization of Use: If my essay is judged to be the winner of this scholarship, I give my consent to its being published in my name in PAEF's publications and news releases.			
Student signature:		Date:	
Parent signature:		Date:	
NOTE: The English teacher, counselor or instructor in your school is responsible for notifying your child of the deadline for submission. Late and/or incomplete applications and essays shall not be considered. The winner of this scholarship shall be notified in writing and invited to attend PAEF's scholarship reception at 6:00 pm on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in May. The location shall be communicated at a later date.			