

NEWSLETTER

Philipsburg Area Education Foundation (PAEF) was founded on December 7, 1999 by charter board members to provide and expand education opportunities to the residents of Granite County. Since its inception, PAEF has awarded over \$350,000 in scholarships and grants through direct donations and interest earned on our endowment fund. Our donor list continues to grow, providing a variety of scholarships, grants and awards to Granite County residents from the 5th grade through adulthood. We greatly appreciate every contribution, and thank you for your confidence in us to administer all donations.

2021 in Review

COVID 19 filled the news and limited many educational activities throughout Montana. Thankfully, the pandemic did not stop applications for scholarships and writing contests in Granite County. PAEF awards scholarships each May at its annual scholarship reception. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 restrictions again this year, we were not able to hold our reception dinner; rather, students and parents were notified of awards at school or through the US Mail. These scholarships and awards represent a year-long process and measures PAEF's progress in fulfilling its mission to support Granite County residents with expanded educational opportunities.

Every year, PAEF board members solicit donations and hold fundraisers to cover operating costs, the 9th/10 grade writing contest, teacher project grants, enrichment programs for schools, and two of our scholarships: the Board of Directors Scholarship and the Tom Hood Leadership Scholarship. In August, we participated in the Philipsburg Rotary Annual Music Festival where we sold fry bread tacos. With the Rotary's generous match, we netted almost \$1800. Our former President, Tom Hood, is still contributing to the success of PAEF operations; he and his wife, Barbara, covered the cost of printing and mailing this newsletter.

Teachers and trainers throughout Granite County may apply for PAEF grants. Although we may not fund any project in its entirety, we will try to help where we can. In 2021, PAEF contributed \$1000 to Drummond High School for a plasma cutter machine. In past years, we have funded author visits, books, library and classroom supplies, Tae Kwon Do uniforms, preschool furniture and equipment, and field trips. See the application on our website: *Teacher/Training Grants*. Even though we have an October deadline printed on our application, we accept applications throughout the year and will award based on available funds.

PHILIPSBURG AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

Scholarship funds that are not earned or donated directly come from interest earned on our endowment with the Montana Community Foundation. Currently, our endowment value is over \$200K, ensuring program viability for many years to come. We endeavor to increase our endowment fund so we may offer educational scholarships long into the future. Our goal is to add \$2000 each year to the endowment.

Our endowment fund would not be possible without donations from community members, local, far and wide. This season, we want to spotlight one of our earliest contributors. We are honored to highlight **Patricia and Don Cloney** and their son and his wife, **Patrick and Renee Cloney**. They define the goodness of all philanthropic-minded people.

Patricia and Don have strong ties to Granite County. Patricia's parents, Rose and Thomas Brogan, were raised in the Flint Creek Valley. Rose Brogan was born in 1889 as Rose Winninghoff of Philipsburg. Rose cherished Philipsburg her entire life. Thomas Brogan was born in 1884 and he grew up in Hall, Montana where he loved and lived the country life. Thomas' parents were Patrick and Mary Brogan, whose roots also run deep in the Flint Creek Valley. The Brogans were strong advocates of education and their interests in education centered around business and mathematics. In the memory of the Brogans, the Cloneys have generously donated to the PAEF endowment over the years; and without their support, the endowment would surely not be what it is today. Their donations have funded many scholarships for students in their second year of college or beyond with preference to those who major in business, economics, or mathematics.

After Patricia Cloney passed away, her husband and son continued to generously donate to PAEF to

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award annual scholarships and increase our endowment to ensure the Brogan Scholarship will be available for years to come. Patrick Cloney recently said, "I am committed to making sure the scholarship continues and grows. It was very important to my mom." We appreciate the Cloney family and others who make lives better through education.

2021 Scholarship and Writing Contest Award Recipients:

- Hanna Bradshaw:** Tom Hood Leadership Scholarship (\$1000), the John Manke Memorial Scholarship (\$500) and Molteni Scholarship (\$500)
- Kade Cutler:** PAEF Board of Directors Scholarship (\$1300), Rose and Thomas Brogan Scholarship (\$1500), and Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Kane Hess:** Granite County Medical Foundation Scholarship (\$1000) and the Granite High School Alumni Scholarship (\$850)
- Amelia Hill:** the KPK Trust Scholarship (\$3000), Commander O'Rourke Scholarship (\$1000), Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship (\$500), and the David M. Rouse Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Kassidy Huckfeldt:** Leipheimer Family Scholarship (\$1000), Eik Family Scholarship (\$1000), and the John Manke Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Sara Kielley:** Granite County Medical Foundation Scholarship (\$1000)
- Susanna Kielley:** Philipsburg Mail Scholarship (\$2800) and the Borhnsen Family Scholarship (\$200)
- Mayson Palen:** Statler Family Scholarship in memory of Theo Statler (\$1000) and the Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Deana Parke:** Marletto Family Scholarship (\$3500)
- Summer Phillips:** Marletto Family Scholarship (\$1500) and Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Sydney Phillips:** Rose and Thomas Brogan Scholarship (\$1000) and the Vern and Anne Steffan Scholarship (\$500)
- Bradley Anderson:** Drummond Bales Good Samaritan Award (\$500)
- Preston Metesh:** Philipsburg Bales Good Samaritan Award (\$500)
- Anna Locke:** Philipsburg Rotary, Community Service Scholarship Writing Contest (\$3000)
- Paytn Raser:** 9/10th Grade Scholarship Writing Contest (\$250)
- Katie Zumwalt:** Ken & Keith Graybeal Memorial Scholarship, 7/8th Grade Writing Contest (\$250)

CASH AWARDS for Writing Contests were contributed by the Flint Creek Lodge #11, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

- Archer Radtke:** 6th Grade Writing Contest, Hall (\$75)
- Mac Sigler:** 6th Grade Writing Contest Hall (\$25)
- Asa Lattin:** 6th Grade Writing Contest, Philipsburg (\$75)
- Averee Rich:** 6th Grade Writing Contest, Philipsburg (\$25)
- Casey James:** 5th Grade Writing Contest, Drummond (\$75)
- Clara Sigler:** 5th Grade Writing Contest, Drummond (\$25)

NEW for 2022: 5th and 6th Grade Writing contests will be offered at Helmville Elementary School

We give a heartfelt thank you to 2021 donors of funds and/or materials:

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Donations made after October 1 will be reflected in the next year's donations and newsletter. Please forgive any omissions: e-mail sue.huffman1@gmail.com for corrections.

2022 Scholarships and Writing Contests

All Granite County residents are eligible to apply for scholarships each year through an application process. A scholarship committee assesses the applications and then funds are awarded based on established criteria. Some awards are made based on financial need; some are based on career interests, and all consider good character and potential for academic success. Residents can download application forms or check with high school counselors for forms. Please note some scholarships are for Granite COUNTY students and some are for Granite HIGH SCHOOL students. Some scholarships give preference to a certain type of training. Some scholarships are for all Granite County residents or students; some are for current graduates. Visit www.paefmt.com for applications and requirements. **Check the date on the top of the application!**

Marletto Family Scholarship: up to two scholarships (\$5000 in total) for Granite County students to engage in post-secondary education. Financial need is a primary criterion. Preference is given to a current year graduate. Proof of financial need is required.

PAEF Board of Director's Scholarship: at least \$1000 for a Granite County resident to engage in post-secondary education or training. Character and academic potential are primary criteria.

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.

Commander Bernard J. O'Rourke Scholarship: \$1000 for a current-year graduate of Granite High School to engage in post-secondary education. Applicants should read Commander O'Rourke's biography at PAEFMT.com. An extra essay is required for this scholarship – it should state how the Commander's life and achievements influences your life goals and career choices.

Vern and Anne Steffan Scholarship: \$500 for a current-year Granite County graduate and student athlete to engage in post-secondary education or training. This scholarship requires an additional essay – describing a favorite sport memory from high school and how sports enhanced the high school experience.

Rose and Thomas Brogan Scholarship: at least \$2500 for a Granite County student who has attended college for at least one year and is majoring in Business, Economics or Mathematics.

Eik Family Scholarship: a \$1000 scholarship for a Granite County student to engage in post-secondary education with preference given to current seniors pursuing vocational training.

Jon Manke Memorial Scholarships: two \$500 scholarships – one for Drummond High School and one for Granite High School – for graduates majoring in the healthcare field; preference given to nursing students.

Granite County Medical Foundation Scholarships: two \$1000 scholarships for returning college students in healthcare – must be 2nd year or greater – one for upper valley and one for lower valley residents.

Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarships: two to four \$500 scholarships – graduating seniors from Granite High School engaging in post-secondary education or vocational training.

Molteni Scholarship: \$500 scholarship for 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.

Philipsburg Mail Scholarship: \$2000 for a Granite County graduate to engage in post-secondary education with preference given to a student pursuing training or a degree in agriculture.

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.

Statler Family Scholarship in memory of Theo Statler: \$1000 for a Granite County graduate to engage in post-secondary education with preference given to a student pursuing a degree in fine or performing arts and/or the humanities.

Granite High School Alumni 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.

KPK Trust: \$3000 for a Granite County graduate to pursue studies at a Montana 2 to 4-year university or college. A separate application and 1000+ word essay are both required for this scholarship. Application requirements and essay criteria are provided on the PAEF website.

Flint Creek Masonic Lodge No. 11, 5th Grade Writing Contest: up to three \$50 cash awards – one for each school area, Philipsburg, Hall, Helmville and Drummond. This essay is 250 words about patriotism: research and report.

Flint Creek Masonic Lodge No. 11, 6th Grade Writing Contest: up to three \$50 cash awards – one for each school area, Philipsburg, Hall, Helmville and Drummond. This essay is 250 words about a philanthropic organization: research and report.

Keith and Ken Graybeal Memorial Scholarship: \$250 scholarship contest for Granite County 7/8th graders requires 250–500-word essay based on benefits of living in a small town.

PAEF Essay Contest 9/10th grade: \$250 scholarship contest for Granite County 9/10th graders requires 500-word essay -- 1 or 2-year Technical Certification versus 4+-year University Degree.

Philipsburg Rotary Scholarship and Essay Contest 11th grade through adult: \$1500 to \$3000 scholarship contest for Granite County residents requires a 20-hour community service project and 500-word essay based on benefits of community service. Available to high school students and adults pursuing additional training or education.

Bales Family Good Samaritan Awards: two monetary awards for students who demonstrate characteristics of a Good Samaritan in school -- one for Drummond High School and one for Granite High School. Candidates shall be selected by school staff and then voted on by the senior class at each school.

Information for Scholarship Applications and Writing Contests

Forms, descriptions, and procedures are available on our website – www.paefmt.com. The most current offerings and information will be available February 1, 2022. Applications can be hand-delivered to any PAEF Board member or mailed to PAEF with postmark of the deadline date. There are two evaluation committees, each with a minimum of five members representing various parts of our community, who will determine how PAEF funds will be awarded. Criteria for application and award are specific to each scholarship and contest.

Every scholarship packet must include a completed application form, transcripts, EFC page of FAFSA report, three letters of recommendation and one or more essays depending on the scholarship criteria. Scholarship applicants must demonstrate writing skills and an essay structure as defined by Montana Standards for English and Language Arts for 12th grade. Additionally, students are assessed for character and potential to succeed at the next level of study, based on grade point averages, school achievements, and educators' and employers' recommendations. Some scholarships require evidence of financial need. Some scholarships require more than one essay; specifically, the Commander Bernard J. O'Rourke Scholarship and the Vern and Anne Steffan Scholarship. See the Scholarship Application for directions for submission.

Students in their second year of college or training must submit new transcripts and letters of recommendation to show growth throughout the first year of post-secondary studies. Good examples of letters of recommendation are ones from employers or post-secondary instructors. Adults are encouraged to apply, but they must also submit proof of continuing education. Proof could include acceptance letters from training institutions where the applicant plans to attend. Funds are sent directly to institutions of learning, not to students, and are applied to tuition, books and fees.

The KPK Trust Scholarship application and 1000+ word essay is evaluated by a donor-related process. PAEF collects the applications, but this application is separate from the PAEF Scholarship process. All applications are forwarded to the KPK Trust representative for evaluation. The essay topic is to tell about yourself and plans for your future. Applicants must have 3.5 or better GPA to apply. See application criteria on the PAEF website. This \$3000 scholarship will be available for approximately five more years.

Any resident may apply for the appropriate age-level writing contest regardless of whether the contest is offered in school or not. Schools are asked to send three or four of the best applicants for each age level. For writing contests, the applicants' names are removed from the essays, so they may be judged on writing abilities rather than character. Applicants must demonstrate writing skills and an essay structure as defined by Montana Standards for English and Language Arts for particular grade levels.

For the 5th grade, the topic is **patriotism**. The evaluation committee looks for a structured essay with focus on the writer’s opinion of a patriotic topic. This \$50 contest is sponsored by Flint Creek Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Lodge No. 11. There will be a \$50 cash award available for winners from each grade school in Granite County and Helmville.

For the 6th grade, the topic is **philanthropy**: organizations who give. The evaluation committee looks for a structured essay with focus on one particular philanthropic organization. The contest is sponsored by Flint Creek Ancient and Free Masons Lodge No. 11. There will be a \$50 cash award available for winners from each grade school in Granite County and Helmville.

For the 7th and 8th grades, the topic is: the **advantages of living in a rural community**. The evaluation committee looks for a structured essay including an introduction with a three-part thesis or series of topics, three paragraphs of supporting details, and a conclusion. Awards are held in the PAEF endowment account until the student graduates and chooses a post-secondary training institution or college. All funds are awarded to training or academic institutions – no funds are given directly to students. This \$250 scholarship was originally funded by Lynn Christopherson, and then increased by members of the Graybeal family in memory of Keith and Ken Graybeal.

For the 9th and 10th grades, the criteria for this contest includes an essay comparing and contrasting **technical training and college education** for any job written to the 9th grade Montana Standards. The evaluation committee looks for a structured essay including an introduction with a three-part thesis, three paragraphs of supporting details, and a conclusion. Furthermore, the evaluation committee looks for evidence that the applicant evaluated both types of training for a specific job and made a claim for one over the other. The essay has to include statistics or data to support job evaluation. Awards are held in the PAEF endowment account until the student graduates and chooses a post-secondary training institution or college. All funds are awarded to training or academic institutions – no funds are given directly to students. This \$250 scholarship is funded by PAEF fundraising and a variety of donors throughout the year. Funds are provided for two awards – one for Drummond and one for Philipsburg.

For the 11th grade, 12th grade and adults, the criteria for this contest includes 20 hours of **community service** and an essay about the importance of community service written to the 11th grade Montana Standards. This essay is not a recitation or report about the 20-hour volunteer hours; rather, it is a broader view of community service. This scholarship is funded by the Philipsburg Rotary. The Rotary’s intention is to award one high school student \$1500 and one adult \$1500; however, if there are no adult applications, all funds will be awarded to one or more high school students. All funds are awarded to training or academic institutions – no funds are given directly to students. For the community service writing contest, the evaluation committee looks for a structured essay including an introduction with a three-part thesis, three paragraphs of supporting data and cited research, and a conclusion including a re-statement of the topic and thesis. They also evaluate the quality of volunteer hours – a true benefit to the community.

Students and parents, please check out PAEF’s website for more information, www.paefmt.com.

A note about writing contest fund distribution: writing contest winners may use their awards prior to high school graduation for academic endeavors which include summer academic camps or courses, online coursework and technical training. The funds will be given only to academic institutions – no checks are given directly to students. No funds may be used for non-academic activities. Applicants must request in writing prior to enrolling in activities for PAEF approval for release of funds. Contact: *sue.huffman1@gmail.com*

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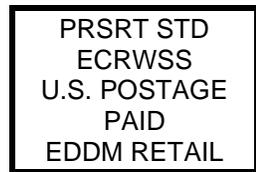
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Here's a big shout out to the 23-community members who volunteered as evaluators for our scholarship essays and writing contests, thank you. Many hands make shorter work!



**Thank YOU
Granite
County!!!**