

Philipsburg Area Education Foundation (PAEF) was founded on December 7, 1999 by charter board members to provide and expand education opportunities for 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade through adulthood. We greatly appreciate every contribution, and thank you for your confidence in us to administer all donations.

2022: Year in Review

The PAEF gave out awards in the amount of \$44,000 in 2022, thanks for the generous support of the community and donors around the country.

In August, the PAEF held a fundraiser at the Philipsburg Rotary Club’s Annual Music Concert at Winninghoff Park in Philipsburg. The PAEF sold fried-bread tacos that were a favorite of the concert goers. Thanks to all those who donated and/or supported this fundraiser which brought in over a thousand dollars that will be used for local education scholarships.

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 2022, there were no applications for funding. 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.



**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?** The PAEF’s mission focuses on assisting local students, helping them succeed in life with a quality education. Annually, we highlight a graduate of a high school in the County, who has received scholarship assistance through PAEF. We are very proud to highlight, Jacquelyn (Jackie) Bohrsen Walter, a 2004 graduate of Granite High School. She currently lives in the Philipsburg area with her husband, Robbie, and her three bright-eyed children. Her children attend Philipsburg Schools. Jackie is a wonderful asset to the community. She is a CPA, and she has been very active in the community by coaching little guy basketball. She is an officer of the PAEF and Granite County Medical Foundation, being Treasurer for both charitable entities. We are proud she lives, works, and serves in our community, making it a better place.

NEW PAEF BOARD MEMBER

The PAEF welcomes new Board Member, Mrs. Janet Hauptman. Mrs. Hauptman just retired from Drummond Elementary School after teaching over 40-years. She is a pillar of the Drummond community. She was and is a tremendously dedicated educator. Being raised on a ranch 45-miles south of Miles City, she grew up loving to study and learn. Gardening is a passion. Her family comes first. She is married to husband, Dave Hauptman, and they have raised three great sons. Her school classes enjoyed writing PAEF essays and competing in the essay competitions. She hopes her young students, who she taught in recent years, will continue to compete for scholarships. Janet loves being involved with anything in education so she gladly agreed to serve on the Board.

**PAEF’s New Grade School Coordinator** is Rachel Parret of Philipsburg. We welcome her aboard. Rachel is from Philipsburg and loves to give back to the community. With questions regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade essay contests, please contact Rachel Parret by telephone at 406-490-0197; or by e-mail at [parretrachel@gmail.com](mailto:parretrachel@gmail.com).

**Message from Rachel Parret:** *I’m so excited to be working with PAEF this year as their new 5th and 6th grade coordinator. I will be visiting all the schools in the county to talk to the students and teachers about the essay contests. I will also available to the students if they have questions about their essays. I look forward to working with all of you.*



LEGACY GIVING FOR A SECURE FUTURE

PAEF is looking to secure educational scholarships for Granite County for the long-haul. Our endowment fund has been administered by the Montana Community Foundation (MCF) since 2004. Each year, we are able to give several thousand dollars in scholarships for vocational training and college based on a 4-5% interest distribution on the endowment. Investment into our endowment enables donors to invest funds now for scholarships to use in perpetuity – a lasting legacy of contribution. With an investment of \$25,000, PAEF can then guarantee a \$1,000 scholarship shall be awarded in perpetuity. This investment can be made over a period of time, allowing donors to investigate and take advantage of The Montana Charitable Endowment Tax Credit through 2025. Planned or outright gifts allow a tax credit to be taken against Montana state income tax from 20% to 40% depending on the type of gift up to \$10,000 per year per individual taxpayer. This tax credit for endowed philanthropy was designed to encourage broader charitable giving to qualified endowments, such as PAEF. For more information, see: [www.mtnonprofit.org/endow-montana/about-endow-montana/](http://www.mtnonprofit.org/endow-montana/about-endow-montana/)

PHILIPSBURG AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION’S ENDOWMENT

Scholarship funds that are not earned or donated directly come from interest accruing from our endowment with the Montana Community Foundation. Currently, our endowment value is over \$200,000, 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 year, we want to spotlight one of our earliest contributors. We are honored to highlight **Sue & Leonard Eik of Philipsburg**. They define the goodness of all philanthropic-minded people. Leonard (Pinky) and Sue Eik are long-time residents, who through hard work and good management, built one of Granite County’s most successful businesses -- Granite Sportland. Their success was ensured due to the support of friends and neighbors. When they retired and sold their business (January 2005), they wanted to do something to thank all those they have done business with for so many years. The Eik Family Scholarship awards students in need of financial assistance to enable them to continue their education and training beyond high

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school. A scholarship is awarded each year to a Granite County graduate with demonstrated financial need; preference is given to current-year graduates. In addition, emphasis is placed on students pursuing vocational and technical training. The Eiks have made significant donations to PAEF's Endowment Fund to sustain these scholarships in perpetuity. This is a blessing, a big thanks goes out to Sue & Leonard Eik!

**We give a heartfelt thank you to 2022 donors of funds and/or materials:**

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Thank you to the 20+ community members who participated in evaluating the scholarships and writing contests.			

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](mailto:sue.huffman1@gmail.com) for corrections.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the 2022 Scholarship and Writing Contest Award Recipients:**

- Abigail Jones:** Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship (\$500) and Philipsburg Mail Scholarship (\$1500)
- Anna Locke:** Commander O'Rourke Scholarship (\$1000), KPK Trust Scholarship (\$3000), Philipsburg Rotary, Community Service Scholarship Writing Contest (\$2500)
- Asha Comings:** Leipheimer Family Scholarship (\$1000), KPK Trust Scholarship (\$1000), and the Granite Alumni Scholarship (\$500)
- Cooper Bradshaw:** PAEF Board of Directors Scholarship (\$1000), Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Hadley Spencer:** Eik Family Scholarship (\$1000), Molteni Scholarship (\$500), Philipsburg Mail Scholarship (\$1500), KPK Trust Scholarship (\$1000)
- Hannah Bradshaw:** Rose and Thomas Brogan Scholarship (\$3000)
- John Debernardi:** Ken & Keith Graybeal Memorial Scholarship, 7/8th Grade Writing Contest (\$250)
- Kane Hess:** Granite County Medical Foundation Scholarship (\$1000) and John Manke Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- Laterrio White:** John Manke Memorial Scholarship (\$500) and Granite County Medical Foundation Scholarship (\$1000)
- Leyton Wagner:** Bales Good Samaritan Award (\$500)
- Macy Williams:** Marletto Family Scholarship (\$5000)
- Megan Hicks:** 9/10th Grade Scholarship Writing Contest (\$250)
- Reece Pitcher:** Vern and Anne Steffan Scholarship (\$500), Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship (\$500), KPK Trust Scholarship (\$3000), and the David M. Rouse Memorial Scholarship (\$500)
- SaDee Lilyquist:** KPK Trust Scholarship (\$1000)
- Sara Kielley:** Tom Hood Leadership Scholarship (\$1000)
- Sierra Metesh:** Statler Family Scholarship in memory of Theo Statler (\$1000)
- Trevor Rouse:** Will Wyatt Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Leipheimer Family Scholarship (\$1000), and Bales Good Samaritan Award (\$500)
- Willow Pfahl:** Marletto Family Scholarship (\$5000), KPK Trust Scholarship (\$1000), and Philipsburg Rotary, Community Service Scholarship Writing Contest (\$500)
- CASH AWARDS** for Writing Contests were contributed by the Flint Creek Lodge #11, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Awards were earned by Grace at Hall Elementary, Tristan Graybeal, Ashleigh Seekel, Dakota Parsons, John Stitt, and Jarron Kruger.

**2023 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \$1500 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 \$500 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year or greater – one for upper valley and one for lower valley residents.

**Molteni Scholarship:** \$500 scholarship for a Granite County student preparing for a career in healthcare.

**Ed and Myrna Leipheimer Scholarships:** two \$1000 scholarships for Granite High School graduates (current or past) to engage in post-secondary education with preference given to students 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 is required for this scholarship. Application requirements and essay criteria are provided on the PAEF website.

**Flint Creek Masonic Lodge No. 11, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Contest:** up to four \$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, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Contest:** up to four \$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 7/8<sup>th</sup> graders requires 250–500-word essay based on benefits of living in a small town.

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

**Philipsburg Rotary Scholarship and Essay Contest 11<sup>th</sup> 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 \$500 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.

**Granite High School Classes 1970-1979 Scholarship:** a \$700 scholarship shall be awarded in 2023 to Granite High School Graduate to pursue educational or vocational training. This scholarship could be for a current or past graduate.

**Information for Scholarship Applications and Writing Contests**

Forms, descriptions, and procedures are available on our website – [www.paefmt.com](http://www.paefmt.com). The most current offerings and information will be available February 1, 2023. 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. 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.

**Masonic Lodge 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contests:**

**For the 5<sup>th</sup> grade,** the essay 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade,** the essay 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 Helmsville.

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, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 assess the quality of the volunteer hours.

Students and parents, please check out PAEF’s website for more information, [www.paefmt.com](http://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 go 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](mailto:sue.huffman1@gmail.com)

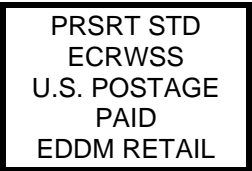
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