

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

Scholarship and Writing Contest Descriptions

Butts Family Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship is intended for a graduate of Granite County schools (within three years of graduation) to pursue post-secondary education. Preference shall be given to students who pursue vocational training or a trades program leading to certification or degree.

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 biography on the PAEF website. 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.

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.

Eik Family Scholarship: The Eik Family donates a \$500 scholarship. It is their desire this scholarship be made to a Granite County student, 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.)

Ezra R. Gentry Memorial Scholarship: one \$500 scholarship for a graduate from Granite High School, current year or within two years of graduation, with preference for those pursuing trades or vocational training, OR union apprenticeship whereby funds will be awarded for tools and equipment. Applicants must submit a letter of interest along with two letters of recommendation in addition to the regular PAEF scholarship application. Financial need IS a contributing factor.

Flint Creek Childcare Scholarship: a \$500 scholarship will be awarded for a Granite County student pursuing early childhood development, primary education or childcare.

Granite Alumni Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Granite High School pursuing a certification or degree at a college, vocational institution or through online coursework. This scholarship is funded by Sue Sweeney and other alumni of Granite High School.

Granite County Medical Foundation Scholarships: Two \$1000 scholarships shall be awarded to sophomore or higher college students majoring in healthcare; one shall be awarded to a sophomore or higher college student majoring in healthcare from the upper valley area and one shall be awarded 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.

Jon Manke Memorial Scholarships: Employees and friends of Granite County Medical Center (GCMC) and Granite County Medical Foundation (GCMF) provide scholarships: (2) \$500 scholarships honoring Jon Manke, RN, who retired from GCMC and died shortly thereafter in a motorcycle accident. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Drummond High School and one \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduate of Granite High School planning to major in the healthcare field -- preference shall be given to nursing.

J. Grassey Scholarship: a \$1000 is provided by James Grassey for a Granite County resident to engage in education or training in the aviation industry or the trades (construction, mechanics, plumbing, electrical, etc.)

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

Larson Woodshed Scholarship: Ben and Samantha Larson offer this \$1000 scholarship for education or training to a Granite County graduate. Any graduate may apply, but preference will be given to students who pursue artistic endeavors in life, school and hobbies. The student may pursue any education discipline or industry, but will show how the arts help them with physical or emotional well-being, personal expression, and/or problem solving. Art could include painting, drawing, poetry, composing, songwriting, sculpting, dancing, acting, welding or any other medium. Requires a special application found on PAEF website.

Marletto Family Scholarships: The Marletto Family has donated \$10,000 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.

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.

Munis Family Scholarship: This \$1000 scholarship is provided by Betty Munis in memory of her family and other Granite County ranchers. It is for a Granite County resident to engage in post-secondary education or training with preference given to a student pursuing a career in agriculture.

PAEF Board of Directors' Scholarship: This scholarship is donated by the Board of Director members. The amount will be at least \$1000 for a resident of Granite County. Character and academic potential are the primary criteria for award.

Philipsburg Rotary Scholarship: One or more scholarships will be awarded, totaling \$3000. Scholarship contest requires a 250-word essay, resume, letters of recommendation and interview with Rotary members. This scholarship is open to 11th graders, current graduating seniors, returning college students, adults pursuing training for the first time, or adults returning to school or training after being out of the school environment for a while. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate a quality of community service that meets the Rotary Standard of *Service Above Self*. This scholarship requires a special application -- see Scholarship Applications or FORMS page to download application and information.

Ranch at Rock Creek Scholarship: Four \$5000 scholarships are provided for current graduating students to pursue college or technical training. This scholarship requires a separate application to be evaluated by the Donor which includes two letters of recommendation and an essay. In this essay students should cover a bit about their life and hopes for the future, any work experience (voluntary and paid), and contributions to their community. Preference is given to students who do not necessarily meet the criteria for Federal Aid and parents or sponsors may not have ample means for students to pay for post-secondary training. GPA is NOT a determining factor.

Rose and Thomas Brogan Scholarship: Patricia Cloney Estate, the daughter of Rose and Thomas Brogan, provided funds for at least a \$2500 scholarship annually. Students applying for this scholarship MUST ALREADY BE IN COLLEGE at as a sophomore or higher, with preference for those who major in Business, Economics or Mathematics.

Statler Family Scholarship in Memory of Theo Statler: This \$1000 scholarship is provided to a student who is pursuing a university degree in Fine or Performing Arts and/or the Humanities. If the recipient remains in good standing as a college student in the Performing, Fine Arts, or Humanities, this award will be a four consecutive-year award. Humanities covers a broad scope of subjects to include (but is not limited to): languages, literature, linguistics, history, drama, music and performance, art of all types, journalism, fashion, archaeology, and philosophy.

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.

Vern and Anne Steffan Scholarship: This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a current-year Granite County graduate and student athlete. The family of Vern and Anne Steffan provide funds for this scholarship in memory of how sports played a vital role in high school success for many Steffan family members. Students applying for this scholarship must submit an additional short essay, describing a favorite sport memory and how sports enhanced your high school experience.

Blackfoot Communications and Masonic Lodge 4th Grade Writing Contest: \$50 cash award is provided to the winner for each school area: Philipsburg, Hall, Helmville and Drummond. All 4th grade students (including homeschool) are invited to compete in this writing contest. The essay topic will be provided by the Grade School Coordinator. The best three submissions from each school area will be evaluated by PAEF committee. Contest requires a special application -- see PAEFMT website FORMS page to download application and information.

Blackfoot Communications and Masonic Lodge 5th Grade Essay Contest: \$50 cash award is provided to the winner for each school area: Philipsburg, Hall, Helmville and Drummond. All 5th grade students (including homeschool) are invited to compete in this essay writing contest. The 250+ word essay topic is *Patriotism: Choose a part of being a patriot to research and report.* The best three essays from each school area will be evaluated by PAEF committee. Contest requires a special application -- see our website FORMS page to download application and information.

Blackfoot Communications and Masonic Lodge 6th Grade Essay Contest: \$50 cash award is provided to the winner for each school area: Philipsburg, Hall, Helmville and Drummond. All 6th grade students (including homeschool) are invited to compete in this essay writing contest. The 250+ word essay topic is *Philanthropy: Choose a philanthropic organization to research and report.* The best three essays from each school area will be evaluated by PAEF committee. Contest requires a special application -- see our website FORMS page to download application and information.

7th/8th Keith and Ken Graybeal Memorial Scholarship: \$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 -- see website FORMS 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 website FORMS 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 in mid-March.*