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**More than 50 Scholarships for Montana Students  
Available through Montana Community Foundation**

**Helena, Mont.**, (December 11, 2014) – Montana Community Foundation (MCF) announced more than 50 academic scholarships will be available for Montana students for the 2015-16 academic year. For the previous year, MCF awarded nearly \$300,000 in scholarships to worthy Montana students. Scholarship awards are made possible by the generous donors who have established scholarship funds at MCF.

“Our scholarship program here at Montana Community Foundation is robust and growing,” said Mary Rutherford, MCF President and Chief Executive Officer. “We’re here to help preserve Montana’s future and one of the very best ways we can accomplish that is by helping our students achieve their academic goals.”

Qualifications vary widely resulting in scholarship eligibility for a diverse range of students. For most scholarships, students can apply online beginning January 1, 2015. The closing date for most scholarship applications is March 15, 2015. Scholarship awards generally range between \$500 and \$5,000, some of which are renewable for multiple years. To apply or for detailed information on eligibility, deadlines and awards for specific scholarships, visit [www.mtcf.org/applications.html](http://www.mtcf.org/applications.html) or contact MCF Program Director Cathy Cooney at (406) 443-8313 or [ccooney@mtcf.org](mailto:ccooney@mtcf.org).

For guidance counselors and others interested in promoting these scholarships to their students, marketing materials are available by contacting MCF Marketing and Communications Director Riley Meredith at (406) 443-8313 or [riley@mtcf.org](mailto:riley@mtcf.org).

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**About Montana Community Foundation**

Montana Community Foundation’s mission is to cultivate a culture of giving so Montana communities can flourish. Founded in 1988, the Foundation manages more than \$74 million in assets and administers more than 800 philanthropic funds that make grants to charitable organizations and causes across the state. The Foundation serves as a center for philanthropy in Montana, working with donors, charitable organizations and communities to provide simple and effective ways to give back to Montana.

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