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

Helena, Mont., (December 17, 2015) – Montana Community Foundation (MCF) announced more than 50 academic scholarships will be available for Montana students for the 2016-17 academic year. Last year, MCF awarded more than \$365,000 in scholarships to worthy Montana students. These scholarships are made possible by the generous donors who have established scholarship funds at MCF.

Scholarship awards generally range between \$500 and \$5,000, some of which are renewable for multiple years. Qualifications vary widely resulting in scholarship eligibility for a diverse range of students. For most scholarships, students can apply online beginning January 1, 2016. The closing date for most applications is March 18, 2016.

“Academic opportunity and success for Montana students is key to ensuring our state’s future,” said Mary Rutherford, MCF President and Chief Executive Officer. “The list of generous donors who have established scholarship funds with us continues to grow and we are thrilled to be a part of their giving to deserving Montana students.”

To apply or for detailed information on eligibility, deadlines and awards for specific scholarships, visit www.mtcf.org/applications or contact Grants & Scholarships Program Officer Jenny Lou Stark at (406) 443-8313 or jstark@mtcf.org.

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

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About Montana Community Foundation

Montana Community Foundation’s (MCF) mission is to cultivate a culture of giving so Montana communities can flourish. Founded in 1988, MCF manages more than \$80 million in assets and administers more than 900 philanthropic funds and planned gifts. Since 1988, MCF has reinvested more than \$35 million in Montana through grants to charitable organizations and causes across the state. MCF 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.