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More Than \$400,000 in Scholarships Awarded to Montana Students from the Montana Community Foundation

Helena, Mont., August 23, 2016 – The Montana Community Foundation (MCF) announced that 161 Montana students received scholarships for the 2016-17 academic year. **The grand total was \$405,217, which is more than \$40,000 over the previous year's total.**

The scholarships range in size from \$500 to \$5,000 and were awarded through a competitive application process. Many of the scholarships are renewable, offering financial support to students for multiple years. These scholarships have assisted Montana students attend 32 different colleges and universities.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to award more scholarships and money to Montana’s outstanding students this year,” said Mary Rutherford, MCF President and Chief Executive Officer. “Our scholarship program continues to grow through the generosity of our donors. Helping students achieve their academic goals is an incredibly important part of how MCF is ensuring Montana’s future.”

The scholarship funds exist because of generous individuals and organizations, each of whom have made the commitment to support education and the future of Montana.

A wide range of scholarships are available with a variety of qualifications. Most scholarship applications are available beginning January 1 of each year, and both traditional and non-traditional Montana students are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to learn how you can contribute to these scholarships or begin a scholarship fund of your own, visit www.mtcf.org or call (406) 443-8313, and find us on [Facebook](#).

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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.