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**Montana Community Foundation Announces Scholarship Applications are Now Available**

**Helena, Mont.**, January 10, 2018 – Montana Community Foundation (MCF) announced applications for academic scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year are now available for Montana students. Last year, MCF awarded more than \$450,000 in scholarships to 146 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. Both traditional and nontraditional Montana students are encouraged to apply. Students can apply online with a submission deadline for most applications of March 16, 2018.

“Scholarship season is one of our favorite times of the year,” said Mary Rutherford, MCF president and chief executive officer. “The success of Montana’s students is one of the key ways to ensuring our state’s future. Thanks to our generous donors, many deserving students across the state will be able to pursue their academic dreams in 2018.”

To apply or for detailed information on eligibility, deadlines and awards for specific scholarships, visit [www.mtcf.org/applications](http://www.mtcf.org/applications) or contact Scholarship Manager Jenny Lou Stark at (406) 443-8313 or [jstark@mtcf.org](mailto:jstark@mtcf.org).

For guidance counselors and others interested in promoting these scholarships to their students, marketing materials are available by contacting Marketing & 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, MCF manages approximately \$100 million in assets and administers more than 900 philanthropic funds and planned gifts. MCF’s accreditation through the Council on Foundations’ National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations ensures MCF complies with the strictest standards in gift administration and grantmaking. Since its founding, MCF has reinvested more than \$41 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.

For more information and to learn how you can support Montana communities, visit [mtcf.org](http://mtcf.org) or call (406) 443-8313. Find us on [Facebook](#).