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

Helena, Mont., January 2, 2019 – Applications for Montana Community Foundation (MCF) scholarships for the 2019-20 academic year are now available for Montana students. Last year, MCF awarded more than \$430,000 in scholarships to 138 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 \$20,000, 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 15, 2019.

“Our scholarship program is one of the most important things we do here at MCF,” said Mary Rutherford, MCF president and chief executive officer. “As our tagline says, we’re all about Montana’s future, and we know the success of our students is critical to that future. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, deserving students across the state will be able to pursue their academic dreams this year.”

To apply or for detailed information on eligibility, deadlines, and awards for specific scholarships, visit mtcf.org/applications or contact Scholarship Manager Jenny Lou Stark at (406) 441-4946 or 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) 441-4952 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 \$100 million in assets and administers more than 1,100 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 \$61 million in Montana through scholarships, grants, and operations.