

# MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HONOR SCHOLARSHIP

Only students who apply will be considered for the MUSHS

## What is the MUSHS?

The MUS Honor Scholarship is a 4-year renewable scholarship that waives the recipient's cost of tuition when used at an eligible campus. The value varies depending upon which campus the student attends (the average value at a 4-year Montana campus is approx. \$5,000 a year or \$20,000\* for four years).

The MUS Student Financial Services office offers up to 200 scholarships annually (contingent upon continued funding of the program).

\*The scholarship does not cover mandatory or class fees. Students should ask their college for a list of fees that are not covered by the scholarship.

## How are the scholarships awarded?

Students from each high school will be ranked in GPA order. The individual(s) with the highest GPA\* (and all ties for first) will be awarded 30 points, the next highest GPA (and all ties for second) will be given 29, and so forth, until all students with at least a 3.4 GPA are ranked.

Once the GPA score has been determined, this score will be added to the student's ACT or SAT\*\* score, whichever is higher, to create a composite score. The students with the highest composite scores in the state will be offered a MUS Honor Scholarship.

\*GPAs will be rounded to the nearest tenth

\*\*SAT scores are converted to equivalent ACT scores

## Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a 2024 graduate from a high school accredited by the Montana Board of Public Education (must apply by March 15, 2024)
- Must have been enrolled full-time at a high school accredited by the Montana Board of Public Education for at least three years prior to graduation (any combination of three years, but must include senior year)
- Must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4 at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester
- Must be on track to meet the Board of Regents Rigorous Core Requirements <https://mus.edu/Prepare/docs/Rigorous-Core-Fact-Sheet.pdf> OR an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma by graduation
- Must take the ACT or SAT test by February 2024
- Must be a Montana resident (per Board of Regents Policy 940.1)
- Must be accepted by an eligible campus

## How do I apply?

Students must complete each of the following steps by the deadline for their application to be considered complete;

1. Take the ACT or SAT test by February 2024\*
2. Apply to and be accepted by one of the eligible campuses
3. Apply online [www.AwardMontana.mus.edu](http://www.AwardMontana.mus.edu)
4. Print the Rigorous Core/IB/Attendance Certification page from your application, have your High School Counselor/Designee sign it

### **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS THAT MUST BE UPLOADED TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION IN THE PORTAL**

- Copy of official 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcript reflecting all classes from freshman through the first semester of senior year and cumulative GPA (request from your high school in early February)\*\*
- Copy of College Acceptance letter or Acceptance email
- Proof/certification of ACT/SAT score\* taken by February 2024 (print out from ACT/SAT OR listed as part of high school transcript)
- Rigorous Core/IB/Attendance Certification page, signed by your High School Counselor/Designee

\*Students can submit ACT Superscores, as long as they only include tests taken by February 2024

\*\*To count Algebra I taken in middle school to meet the Rigorous Core Requirements, it must be listed on the high school transcript OR students must also upload their middle school transcript, ALL other courses must be reflected on their high school transcript

## MUSHS may be used at the following campuses:

MSU Bozeman	UM Missoula	Bitterroot College UM
MSU Billings	UM Western	Flathead Valley CC
MSU Northern	Helena College UM	Miles CC
Great Falls College MSU	Missoula College UM	Dawson CC
City College MSU	MT Technological University	
Gallatin College MSU	Highlands College of MT Tech	

## Scholarship Retention

This scholarship may be retained for a maximum of 8 semesters. Students must:

- Utilize the scholarship within 9 months after high school graduation
- Maintain a 3.4 cumulative grade point average
- Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours after two semesters, 60 credit hours after four semesters and 90 credit hours after six semesters
- Abide by the student conduct code of the home campus
- Remain enrolled full-time (12+credits) each fall/spring semester for the life of the scholarship

**CHECK OUT the  
Frequently Asked Questions  
at [AwardMontana.mus.edu](http://AwardMontana.mus.edu)**



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**AWARD  
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Apply online through the Award Montana Portal  
beginning in December

**[AwardMontana.mus.edu](http://AwardMontana.mus.edu)**

Application must be complete including  
Additional Documentation uploads by

**MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Incomplete or late applications will NOT be accepted**

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