

ITEM 140-110-R0908

**Community College Honor Scholarships**

**THAT:**

The Board of Regents of Higher Education approves revisions to its Policy 501.2, Community College Honor Scholarships, to clarify and update its provisions and to make the scholarship consistent with the Montana University System Honor Scholarships in terms of numbers awarded, renewal provisions and general terms.

**EXPLANATION:**

Since the Board revised the MUS Honor Scholarship almost 2 years ago, it has been our desire to more closely align the Community College (CC) Honor Scholarship with the new MUS Honor Scholarship. MUS campuses have also asked that the CC Honor Scholarship be updated because there has been some confusion about administration and renewal of the CC Honor Scholarship.

The major changes to the policy include:

- It is now clear the scholarship is renewable for one year (making it a two-year award), providing the student receives at least a 3.4 GPA and completes 30 credits each year.
- The number of scholarships is capped at one for every 50 community college district candidates. One scholarship will be awarded for every 50 graduates (used to be 25). Although the new MUS Honor Scholarship is a statewide competition with a specific number of scholarships awarded, using a one for every 50 formula keeps the numbers fairly consistent with the intent of the MUS Honor Scholarship.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Revised Policy 501.2  
Revised Policy 501.2, with changes shown