

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Policy and Procedures Manual

SUBJECT: STUDENT AFFAIRS

Policy 501.2 – Community College Honor Scholarships

Effective: Academic Year 2002; Revised: September 29, 2008; Issued:

Board Policy:

1. The Board of Regents of Higher Education will award Community College Honor Scholarships annually **to Montana residents who are graduates of Montana community college districts** in accordance with the following **criteria and** procedures.

2. The scholarships may be utilized at any campus of Montana University System as a waiver of registration fees and tuition, provided satisfactory academic progress is maintained.¹ **consist of a waiver of undergraduate tuition at any 4-year unit of the Montana University System. No fees, mandatory or miscellaneous, including additional fees for on-line classes, program fees or other charges are waived by this policy. The scholarship may be received for a total of four semesters provided the student earns a minimum of 30 credit hours per year with a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above.**

3. The value of the scholarship may not be more than the maximum undergraduate registration fee and tuition.

3. A recipient must utilize the scholarship within 9 months after receiving the associate degree from the community college district.

4. A student may lose eligibility by non-enrollment or by violating the campus student conduct code.

Procedures**Eligibility:**

1. At the end of the school's academic year, ~~one~~ One scholarship may be awarded to a member of any **Montana community college district** graduating class for each ~~25~~ **50** associate degree graduates or major fraction thereof.

a. The chair of the Board of Trustees of a community college district must certify that the prospective recipient is a graduate of the community college with an associate degree, is the highest in scholarship of those members of the graduating class desiring to attend the Montana University System, and is recommended by the president and faculty of the community college.

b. A recipient must utilize the scholarship within 9 months after receiving the associate degree from the community college.

c. The scholarship is intended for residents of the State of Montana.

2. To be eligible, students must have earned an associate's degree from the community college district and have a cumulative 3.4 GPA or above and have not received another tuition

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waiver or Governor's Scholarship for the same period of enrollment.

Procedures:

1. Eligible students must apply for the scholarship through a process determined by the respective community college district. To be eligible, students must apply to and be accepted by one of the eligible 4-year campuses. Each community college district will submit a completed scholarship application on behalf of the applicant, along with the campus acceptance letter. The completed scholarship application must be submitted by June 30 of the award year. Any student who does not submit the required application and acceptance letter by the deadline will not be eligible for the scholarship.

2. The president of a community college district or the president's designee must certify that the applicant is a graduate of the community college district with an associate degree, is the highest in scholarship of those members of the graduating class who have applied for the scholarship, and is recommended by the president and faculty of the community college district.

3. If the recipient of a Montana University System Community College Tuition Waiver decides not to attend an eligible campus, the student should relinquish the scholarship at once. In such cases where the scholarship is relinquished prior to August 1 of the award year, the Montana Community College District may award the waiver to the next eligible student by August 15 of the award year.

History:

Item 5-006-R0774, Policy regarding Fee Waivers, Montana University System, amended June 7, 1976 (rescinded); Item 18-006-R1077, Honor Scholarships, Montana University System, October 28, 1977 as revised November 20, 1997 and November 18, 1999 (Item 104-103-R0999); as revised by the [Task Force on Fees Report](#) approved by the Board of Regents on March 24, 2000 with an effective date of Academic Year 2002.