

ITEM 128-109-R0705**Governor's Postsecondary Scholarship
Year 1 Implementation - Fiscal Year 2006**

Need/Merit Based	School/Study Type	Number of Awards	Amount per Scholarship	Allocation Amount	Year 1 Implementation
Merit	2- or 4-year	180	\$1,000	\$180,000	One from each accredited public and non-public high school, selected by MGSLP as administrator, based primarily on lists obtained from each high school for selection of the FY2006 MUS Honor Scholarship recipients.
Merit	4-year	20	\$2,000	\$40,000	Total number of awards allocated to each eligible school based on Fall 2004 Resident Full Time Enrollment. Awarded to eligible students by the Financial Aid Offices based on the criteria for At-large students.
Merit	2-year	35	\$1,000	\$35,000	Total number of awards allocated to each eligible school based on Fall 2004 Resident Full Time Enrollment. Awarded to eligible students by the Financial Aid Offices based on the criteria for At-large students.
Need	2-year	85	\$1,000	\$85,000	Total number of awards allocated to each eligible school based on Fall 2004 Resident Full Time Enrollment. Awarded by the Financial Aid Offices to eligible students, including students who return to school as nontraditional students, based on recognition of financial need.
Need	2-year, majoring in a health sciences field	50	\$1,000	\$50,000	Total number of awards allocated to each eligible school based on Fall 2004 Resident Full Time Enrollment. Awarded by the Financial Aid Offices to eligible students, including students who return to school as nontraditional students, based on recognition of financial need. Student must be majoring in a health sciences field.
Need	2-year, degree or certificate seeking in a technology field	110	\$1,000	\$110,000	Total number of awards allocated to each eligible school based on Fall 2004 Resident Full Time Enrollment. Awarded by the Financial Aid Offices to eligible students, including students who return to school as nontraditional students, based on recognition of financial need. Student must be seeking a certificate or degree in a technology field.
Total Allocation FY2006		<u>480</u>		<u>\$500,000</u>	

Definitions

<u>At-large student</u>	A Montana resident who meets the admission requirements established by board policy or by the admissions office of a Montana private college.
<u>Board</u>	The Board of Regents of Higher Education.
<u>Certificate</u>	A program generally completed in 1 academic year that requires less than 60 credits and that is not a self-supporting, customized training course or the certificate awarded for completion of the program.
<u>Non-traditional student</u>	A first-time student who enters a postsecondary institution or Montana private college more than 3 years after high school graduation.
<u>Scholarship</u>	A payment toward tuition and mandatory fees, excluding room and board, rounded up to the nearest dollar.

Additional Information

Each scholarship must be distributed in equal installments that correspond with the terms of the postsecondary institution's academic year.

If a Montana high school has no graduates who qualify for a scholarship, the money for those scholarships reverts and may be reallocated by the Commissioner of Higher Education.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, an entering freshman student seeking a certificate or an associate or baccalaureate degree at a postsecondary institution must meet the following qualifications.

- a) must be classified as a Montana resident for in-state tuition under the board's policy.
- b) for purposes of a scholarship based on financial need, must have met the admission requirements established by board policy, demonstrated financial need by completing the free application for federal student aid, and be enrolled in a 2-year postsecondary program.
- c) for purposes of a merit-based scholarship, must meet the admission requirements established by board policy and those eligibility criteria established by the board, at least part of which must include a grade point average or a numerical score on a standardized college admission test, must be admitted, enrolled, or classified as an undergraduate student in a certificate program or an associate or baccalaureate degree program at a postsecondary institution, and must have completed the free application for federal student aid, which may not result in expected family contributions exceeding the cost of attendance.

A student is ineligible to receive a governor's postsecondary scholarship if the student:

- a) has been awarded a Montana University System Honor Scholarship.
- b) is a male and failed to meet the Title IV selective services registration requirements.
- c) is in default on a Title IV or state of Montana education loan or owes a refund to a federal Title IV or state of Montana student financial aid program.
- d) is incarcerated.