Great Falls College MSU
2016-2017 A Night Out for Science Scholarships Application Instructions

The Great Falls College MSU A Night Out for Science Scholarships may be pursued with this single scholarship application form. New freshman and transfer students, as well as continuing GFC students, may apply. A scholarship committee will match qualified applicants with available scholarships. Scholarships are not renewable and are not transferable. The awards are disbursed in two equal segments, one for each semester. Scholarships are shown as credits on your bill and funds are designated for payment of tuition, fees, books and supplies first. You must enroll at Great Falls College MSU for at least 6 credits (unless otherwise specified), as a degree-seeking student and maintain satisfactory academic progress. Please direct questions to the Financial Aid Office at (406)771-4327.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS There are eight scholarships available with varying amounts and criteria:

- One- $5000 and one- $2000 scholarship are being offered for graduating high school seniors entering a STEM field of study. Students must be enrolled full time Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 (12 or more credits); must have a minimum cumulative HS GPA of a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale); and must be a MT resident. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the A Night Out for Science event in the spring of 2017.
- One- $2500 scholarship is being offered for a continuing GFCMSU student enrolled in a STEM field of study. Student must be enrolled full time Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 (12 or more credits); must have a minimum cumulative GFCMSU GPA of a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale); and must be a MT resident. Scholarship recipient is expected to attend the A Night Out for Science event in the spring of 2017.
- One- $1500 scholarship is being offered for a student who belongs to an underrepresented population (by STEM program) enrolled in a STEM field of study. Student must be enrolled full time Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 (12 or more credits); must have a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale); and must be a MT resident. Must include in personal statement an explanation of underrepresentation in the chosen STEM program.
- Four- $1000 scholarships are being offered to students; one in each of the following categories: 1) a student pursuing a health sciences degree, 2) a non-traditional student (age 25 or older) in a STEM field, 3) a continuing student in a STEM field, with preference given for a member of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), 4) a student entering the Computer Programming or Industrial Tech program at GFCMSU. For the above four awards, students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale); and must be a MT resident.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS:
Each of the following items must be completed for an application to be considered:
1. Scholarship Application: Complete the application form (reverse side) in its entirety.
2. Personal Statement: Summarize why you chose your Major/Field of Study. Describe obstacles overcome, short-term goals, long-term goals, recent honors or awards, and any other information you believe is relevant to the selection committee. If you belong to an underrepresented population in the STEM field, please describe within this statement. (Please type and limit to one page).
3. One Academic Letter of Recommendation: Submit one letter from an instructor, school counselor, or other academic reference. The letter must include the name, address, and telephone number of person making recommendation.
4. Current Unofficial Transcripts: New freshmen must submit a current high school transcript. Transfer students must submit the most recent college transcript. Continuing GFC students who have completed at least one term at Great Falls College MSU do not need to submit transcripts.

ELIGIBILITY AND DEADLINES (deadline dependent on student type)
Freshman (new high school graduates)
Students must have graduated high school spring 2016 with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and must be a resident of Montana. FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION, the application and all documents must be postmarked by June 30, 2016. Applications will continue to be accepted until July 29th, 2016. The Selection Committee has the right to reject any late or incomplete applications.

Transfer and continuing GFC students
Currently enrolled GFC students, former GFC students, and transfer students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and must be a resident of Montana. THE APPLICATION AND ALL DOCUMENTS must be postmarked by July 29, 2016. The Selection Committee has the right to reject any late or incomplete applications.

Please mail or submit to: Financial Aid Office
Great Falls College MSU
2100 16th Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405
FAX: (406) 771-4410
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See reverse side for additional requirements

For academic year 16-17, I will be a:  □ New Freshman  □ New Transfer  □ Continuing GFC Student

Name _______________________________  MSU ID# or Social Security # __________________

Phone ____________________________  Email Address ________________________________

Address ____________________________  City, ST, ZIP ______________________________

Intended Major/Program of Study ________________________________________________

High School Graduation Date _________  High School Last Attended __________________

Prior Colleges Attended _________________________________________________________

College Major(s) at Prior Colleges _______________________________________________

State of Legal Residence ________________________________________________________  If Montana, county ______________

Reply optional: Gender  □ Male  □ Female  Race/Ethnic Background ____________________

Reply optional: Marital Status __________________________

Dependents  □ Yes  □ No  If yes, list ages __________________________________________

Current Employer ____________________________  Hours worked/week _______

I am pursuing a STEM field of study (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math)  □ Yes  □ No

I belong to and underrepresented population within my chosen STEM program  □ Yes  □ No

I am considered a “Non-Traditional” student (age 25 and up)  □ Yes  □ No

I am a member of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)  □ Yes  □ No

Federal law requires Great Falls College MSU to obtain written permission from the award recipient for the release of academic and biographical information to the scholarship donor and/or news media. By signing below, I agree that relevant information may be released. Furthermore, by signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information and understand that any false or misleading statements may invalidate my application.

Signature__________________________________________  Date __________________________

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