Great Falls College MSU
2015-2016 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. There are six scholarships available with varying amounts and criteria. Two $1,000 scholarships are being offered for graduating high school seniors entering a STEM field of study. Four $500 scholarships are also available, to be awarded in each of the following categories: 1) a student pursuing a health sciences degree, 2) a non-traditional student in a STEM field, 3) a student who plans on completing a 4-year degree in a STEM field, and 4) a current/continuing GFC MSU student in a STEM field.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
Scholarships are not renewable. The awards are usually 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, as a degree-seeking student and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

APPLICATION PACKET REQUIREMENTS:
Each of the following items must be completed for an application to be considered:

1. Scholarship Application: Complete the application form (on 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, financial need, recent honors or awards, and any other information you believe is relevant to the selection committee. (Please type and limit to one page).

3. One Letter of Recommendation: Submit one letter from an instructor or from a personal reference, such as an employer, pastor, supervisor, etc. The letter must include the name, address, and telephone number of person making recommendation.

4. Summary of Leadership, Honors, & Volunteer Activities: List recent leadership responsibilities, honors, activities, and community volunteer service on a separate sheet of paper. (Please type and limit to one page).

5. 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

Freshman
Students, who have not previously enrolled in any college, must have graduated high school with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and must be a resident of Montana.

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.

Direct questions to Financial Aid Office at (406) 771-4334 or finaid@gfcmsu.edu

Application deadline: The application and all documents must be postmarked by July 31, 2015. Please mail or submit to:

Financial Aid Office
Great Falls College MSU
2100 16th Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405
FAX: (406) 771-4410

The Selection Committee has the right to reject any late or incomplete applications.
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See reverse side for additional requirements

For academic year 15-16, 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 am planning to transfer within the Montana University System to complete a Bachelor’s degree in a STEM field of study □ 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 ________________________