Great Falls College MSU  
General Scholarship Application Instructions

The Great Falls College MSU General Scholarship Program centralizes numerous endowed scholarships and donations into a single scholarship application form. New freshman and transfer students, as well as continuing GFC students, can apply. A scholarship committee will match qualified applicants with available scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
General Scholarships are awarded on a yearly basis, and you must reapply annually. 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.
6. **Completed FAFSA Application:** To be considered for scholarships you must first complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2016-2017 academic year by the deadline noted below. You can fulfill this requirement by applying online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or completing a paper form. Applicants must designate our school to receive this information; the school code is 009314. The 2016-2017 FAFSA will be available online on January 1, 2016.

ELIGIBILITY

**Freshman**
For students who have not previously enrolled in any college, they must have graduated high school with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

**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)

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 **February 15, 2016.** 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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Scholarship Application 2016-2017

For year 2016-2017, 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 ____________

US Citizen □ Yes □ No

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 participate in Student Government at Great Falls College MSU □ Yes □ No

I have completed an application for financial aid (FAFSA) for the 2016-2017 Year □ Yes □ No

I will complete an application for financial aid (FAFSA) for the 2016-2017 Year by February 15, 2016 □ Yes □ No

One or both of my parents or guardian(s) have completed a bachelor’s degree □ Yes □ No

I am an active, honorably discharged, or retired member of the United States Armed Forces □ 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 _______________________________