

Great Falls College MSU ***General Scholarship Application Instructions***

(See reverse side for application form)

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/returning 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 in 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 the person making the 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/returning GFC students who have **completed** at least one term at Great Falls College MSU do not need to submit transcripts.
 - Freshman means students who have not previously enrolled in any college
 - Transfer and Continuing/returning GFC students means currently enrolled GFC students, former GFC students, and transfer students from other institutions
- 6. *Completed FAFSA Application:*** To be considered for scholarships you must first complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 academic year by the deadline noted below. You can fulfill this requirement by applying online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applicants must designate our school to receive this information; the school code is 009314. The 2019-2020 FAFSA is available now and will use 2017 tax information.

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, 2019**. 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 year 2019-2020, I will be a: New Freshman New Transfer Continuing/returning GFC Student

Name _____ MSU ID# or
Social Security # _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Address _____ City, State, 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 2019-2020 Year Yes No

I *will* complete an application for financial aid (FAFSA) for the 2019-2020 Year by February 15, 2019 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 _____