

## Executive Summary

### Governor's Best and Brightest Scholarship Program 2010-2011 Academic Year

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During academic year 2011, 1,916 students received Best and Brightest Scholarships with a total value of \$2,535,000. This includes 1,151 students who renewed their scholarships and 765 students that were awarded new scholarships. Since its creation in 2005 by the Montana Legislature, the total amount of scholarships now exceeds \$10 million to more than 8,600 Montana students. Of the \$2,535,000 awarded in 2011, \$889,000 were new scholarship awards and \$1,646,000 were for renewals of existing scholarships.

This year also includes a private donation from Wal-Mart. At the direction of Wal-Mart, the funds were dedicated to students in a "Green" program of study. The donation directly benefited 28 students at 13 Montana campuses. Wal-Mart's generosity is greatly appreciated by the students of Montana.

One hundred and fifty-seven (157) graduating high school students received High School Merit scholarships. Of those 157 recipients, 14 students chose two-year schools and 143 students chose 4-year schools.

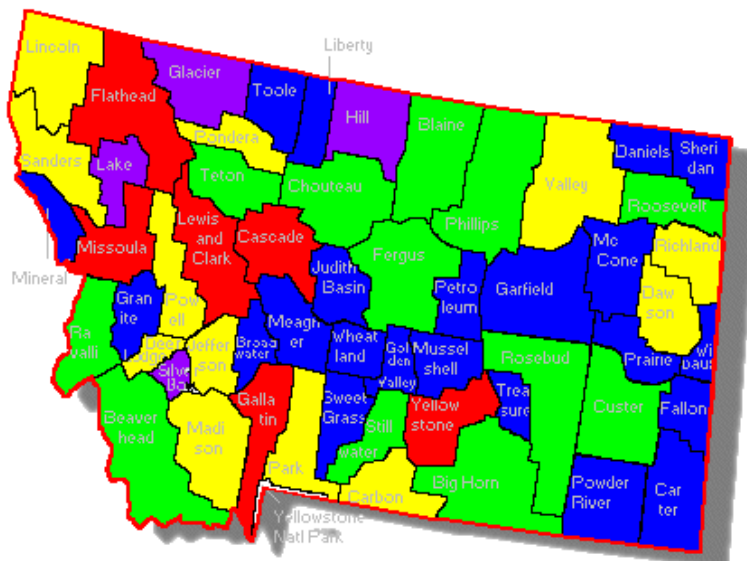
The Office of Student Financial Services (SFS) received a total of 1,054 applications for a Governor's Best and Brightest Merit at-large scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year. SFS had enough funding to award 32 Merit-at-large scholarships. Of those 32 students, 15 were non-traditional, 2 were home schooled and 15 were 2010 high school graduates.

A total of 477 new need-based scholarships were awarded to students attending two-year programs. By category, 275 students were general study, 80 were health/science, 89 were technology, and 33 were trade/green.

The Governor's Best and Brightest Scholarship is having a positive impact on thousands of Montana students who depend upon the scholarship each year to help meet the costs of a postsecondary education.

10-11 Governor's Scholarship - All Recipients

- - 1 - 10
- - 11 - 20
- - 21 - 50
- - 51 - 100
- - Over 100



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New Scholarships

| FY'11 Disbursements      | Merit |               | MAL |              | Re-wards Need-Gen |              | Need-Gen |               | Need-HS |              | Need-Tech |              | Need-Trades |              | Total |              |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------|-----|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|---------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------|--------------|
|                          | #     | Amount        | #   | Amount       | #                 | Amount       | #        | Amount        | #       | Amount       | #         | Amount       | #           | Amount       | #     | Amount       |
| MSU Billings             | 19    | \$ 37,000.00  | 1   | \$ 1,000.00  |                   |              | 18       | \$ 18,000.00  | 6       | \$ 6,000.00  | 5         | \$ 5,000.00  | 7           | \$ 9,000.00  | 20    | \$38,000.00  |
| MSU Billings COT         | 2     | \$ 3,000.00   |     |              | 2                 | \$ 3,000.00  | 1        | \$ 1,000.00   |         |              | 1         | \$ 500.00    | 6           | \$ 6,000.00  | 40    | \$44,000.00  |
| MSU Bozeman              | 65    | \$ 128,000.00 | 18  | \$ 36,000.00 | 7                 | \$ 13,000.00 | 28       | \$ 24,000.00  | 9       | \$ 7,000.00  | 9         | \$ 7,000.00  | 9           | \$ 9,000.00  | 98    | \$184,500.00 |
| MSU Great Falls COT      | 2     | \$ 3,000.00   |     |              | 6                 | \$ 6,000.00  | 20       | \$ 17,000.00  | 5       | \$ 4,000.00  | 5         | \$ 5,000.00  | 7           | \$ 7,000.00  | 57    | \$50,000.00  |
| MSU Northern             | 5     | \$ 10,000.00  |     |              |                   |              | 20       | \$ 18,000.00  | 6       | \$ 6,000.00  | 5         | \$ 5,000.00  | 8           | \$ 7,000.00  | 48    | \$49,000.00  |
| U of M Helena COT        |       |               |     |              | 7                 | \$ 11,000.00 |          |               |         |              |           |              |             |              | 63    | \$118,000.00 |
| U of M Missoula          | 33    | \$ 63,000.00  | 23  | \$ 44,000.00 |                   |              | 33       | \$ 27,000.00  | 10      | \$ 10,000.00 | 15        | \$ 10,000.00 | 8           | \$ 8,000.00  | 73    | \$67,000.00  |
| U of M Missoula COT      | 5     | \$ 10,000.00  |     |              | 2                 | \$ 2,000.00  |          |               |         |              |           |              |             |              | 19    | \$37,000.00  |
| U of M MT Tech           | 16    | \$ 31,000.00  | 3   | \$ 6,000.00  |                   |              |          |               |         |              |           |              |             |              |       |              |
| U of M MT Tech COT       | 1     | \$ 2,000.00   |     |              |                   |              | 7        | \$ 7,000.00   | 3       | \$ 2,000.00  | 3         | \$ 2,000.00  | 7           | \$ 6,000.00  | 21    | \$19,000.00  |
| U of M Western           | 2     | \$ 4,000.00   |     |              |                   |              | 18       | \$ 18,000.00  | 5       | \$ 5,000.00  | 6         | \$ 5,000.00  | 7           | \$ 7,000.00  | 38    | \$39,000.00  |
| Dawson CC                | 3     | \$ 6,000.00   |     |              |                   |              | 7        | \$ 5,500.00   | 3       | \$ 2,000.00  | 2         | \$ 2,000.00  | 1           | \$ 1,000.00  | 16    | \$16,500.00  |
| FVCC                     |       |               | 1   | \$ 2,000.00  |                   |              | 41       | \$ 32,000.00  | 13      | \$ 10,000.00 | 10        | \$ 10,000.00 | 17          | \$ 12,000.00 | 82    | \$66,000.00  |
| Miles CC                 | 1     | \$ 2,000.00   | 1   | \$ 1,000.00  |                   |              | 11       | \$ 8,500.00   | 4       | \$ 4,000.00  | 2         | \$ 2,000.00  | 3           | \$ 3,000.00  | 22    | \$19,500.00  |
| Blackfeet CC             |       |               |     |              |                   |              | 16       | \$ 11,000.00  | 3       | \$ 3,000.00  | 5         | \$ 3,000.00  | 4           | \$ 3,000.00  | 28    | \$20,000.00  |
| Chief Dull Knife College |       |               |     |              |                   |              | 5        | \$ 4,000.00   | 2       | \$ 1,000.00  | 2         | \$ 1,000.00  | 1           | \$ 1,000.00  | 10    | \$7,000.00   |
| Fort Belknap College     |       |               |     |              |                   |              | 7        | \$ 5,000.00   | 1       | \$ 1,000.00  | 2         | \$ 1,000.00  | 1           | \$ 1,000.00  | 11    | \$8,000.00   |
| Fort Peck CC             |       |               |     |              |                   |              | 9        | \$ 9,000.00   | 2       | \$ 2,000.00  | 3         | \$ 2,000.00  | 2           | \$ 2,000.00  | 16    | \$15,000.00  |
| Little Big Horn College  |       |               |     |              |                   |              | 8        | \$ 8,000.00   | 3       | \$ 3,000.00  | 3         | \$ 3,000.00  | 2           | \$ 2,000.00  | 16    | \$16,000.00  |
| Salish Kootenai College  |       |               |     |              |                   |              | 19       | \$ 17,500.00  | 11      | \$ 8,000.00  | 8         | \$ 6,000.00  |             |              | 38    | \$31,500.00  |
| Stone Child College      |       |               |     |              |                   |              | 7        | \$ 5,000.00   | 1       | \$ 1,000.00  | 1         | \$ 1,000.00  | 1           | \$ 1,000.00  | 10    | \$8,000.00   |
| <b>Totals</b>            | 154   | \$ 299,000.00 | 47  | \$ 90,000.00 | 24                | \$ 35,000.00 | 275      | \$ 235,500.00 | 87      | \$ 75,000.00 | 87        | \$ 70,500.00 | 91          | \$ 84,000.00 | 765   | \$889,000.00 |

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Renewed Scholarships

| FY'11 Disbursements      | Merit |               | MAL |               | Re-wards Need-Gen |              | Need-Gen |              | Need-HS |              | Need-Tech |              | Need-Trades |             | Total |              |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------|-----|---------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|---------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------|--------------|
|                          | #     | Amount        | #   | Amount        | #                 | Amount       | #        | Amount       | #       | Amount       | #         | Amount       | #           | Amount      | #     | Amount       |
| MSU Billings             | 38    | \$ 64,000.00  | 16  | \$ 25,000.00  | 14                | \$ 20,750.00 |          |              |         |              |           |              |             |             | 68    | \$109,750.00 |
| MSU Billings COT         | 3     | \$ 6,000.00   |     |               | 2                 | \$ 2,000.00  | 11       | \$ 11,000.00 | 4       | \$ 4,000.00  | 3         | \$ 3,000.00  | 4           | \$ 4,000.00 | 27    | \$30,000.00  |
| MSU Bozeman              | 134   | \$ 258,000.00 | 79  | \$ 155,750.00 | 39                | \$ 65,000.00 |          |              |         |              |           |              |             |             | 252   | \$478,750.00 |
| MSU Great Falls COT      | 2     | \$ 4,000.00   | 2   | \$ 3,000.00   | 5                 | \$ 4,000.00  | 23       | \$ 22,000.00 | 18      | \$ 12,000.00 | 13        | \$ 11,000.00 | 1           | \$ 1,000.00 | 64    | \$57,000.00  |
| MSU Northern             | 13    | \$ 27,000.00  | 6   | \$ 12,000.00  | 8                 | \$ 8,000.00  | 21       | \$ 19,000.00 | 1       | \$ 1,000.00  | 7         | \$ 7,500.00  | 7           | \$ 6,500.00 | 63    | \$81,000.00  |
| U of M Helena COT        | 1     | \$ 2,000.00   |     |               |                   |              | 19       | \$ 16,000.00 | 7       | \$ 6,000.00  | 5         | \$ 5,000.00  | 5           | \$ 5,000.00 | 37    | \$34,000.00  |
| U of M Missoula          | 108   | \$ 207,000.00 | 65  | \$ 124,000.00 | 26                | \$ 45,500.00 |          |              |         |              |           |              |             |             | 199   | \$376,500.00 |
| U of M Missoula COT      | 6     | \$ 6,000.00   |     |               | 3                 | \$ 4,000.00  | 33       | \$ 26,000.00 | 11      | \$ 10,500.00 | 14        | \$ 13,000.00 | 4           | \$ 4,000.00 | 71    | \$63,500.00  |
| U of M MT Tech           | 37    | \$ 62,000.00  | 19  | \$ 32,000.00  |                   |              |          |              |         |              |           |              |             |             | 56    | \$94,000.00  |
| U of M MT Tech COT       |       |               |     |               | 5                 | \$ 19,500.00 | 9        | \$ 7,000.00  | 3       | \$ 3,000.00  | 3         | \$ 3,000.00  | 20          | \$32,500.00 |       |              |
| U of M Western           | 14    | \$ 21,000.00  | 5   | \$ 10,000.00  | 3                 | \$ 4,000.00  | 18       | \$ 18,000.00 | 6       | \$ 5,000.00  | 7         | \$ 6,000.00  | 4           | \$ 4,000.00 | 57    | \$68,000.00  |
| Dawson CC                | 2     | \$ 4,000.00   |     |               |                   |              | 11       | \$ 9,000.00  | 3       | \$ 2,500.00  |           |              |             |             | 16    | \$15,500.00  |
| FVCC                     | 2     | \$ 4,000.00   |     |               | 3                 | \$ 3,000.00  | 37       | \$ 31,000.00 | 6       | \$ 6,000.00  | 11        | \$ 9,000.00  | 8           | \$ 7,000.00 | 67    | \$60,000.00  |
| Miles CC                 | 2     | \$ 4,000.00   | 2   | \$ 3,000.00   |                   |              | 13       | \$ 12,000.00 | 4       | \$ 4,000.00  |           |              |             |             | 21    | \$23,000.00  |
| Blackfeet CC             |       |               |     |               |                   |              | 13       | \$ 12,000.00 | 5       | \$ 5,000.00  | 5         | \$ 5,000.00  |             |             | 23    | \$22,000.00  |
| Chief Dull Knife College | 1     | \$ 2,000.00   |     |               |                   |              | 10       | \$ 6,000.00  |         |              |           |              |             |             | 11    | \$8,000.00   |
| Fort Belknap College     |       |               |     |               |                   |              | 8        | \$ 6,500.00  |         |              |           |              |             |             | 8     | \$6,500.00   |
| Fort Peck CC             | 1     | \$ 2,000.00   |     |               |                   |              | 11       | \$ 9,000.00  | 5       | \$ 4,000.00  | 6         | \$ 5,000.00  |             |             | 23    | \$20,000.00  |
| Little Big Horn College  | 1     | \$ 2,000.00   |     |               |                   |              | 11       | \$ 7,000.00  |         |              | 9         | \$ 7,000.00  |             |             | 21    | \$16,000.00  |
| Salish Kootenai College  | 3     | \$ 6,000.00   |     |               | 2                 | \$ 3,000.00  | 16       | \$ 14,000.00 | 7       | \$ 7,000.00  | 6         | \$ 6,000.00  |             |             | 34    | \$36,000.00  |
| Stone Child College      | 2     | \$ 4,000.00   |     |               |                   |              | 11       | \$ 10,000.00 |         |              |           |              |             |             | 13    | \$14,000.00  |
| <b>Totals</b>            | 370   | \$685,000     | 194 | \$364,750     | 110               | \$178,750    | 275      | \$235,500    | 80      | \$70,000     | 89        | \$80,500     | 33          | \$31,500    | 1,151 | \$1,646,000  |