

MSU-Great Falls College of Technology General Scholarship Application Instructions

The MSU-Great Falls College of Technology General Scholarship Program centralizes numerous endowed scholarships and donations into a single scholarship application form. New freshman and transfer students, as well as continuing COT 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 MSU-Great Falls College of Technology for at least 6 credits, as a degree-seeking student and maintain a minimum of 3.0 GPA each semester.

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 COT students who have completed at least one term at the COT 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 2010-2011 academic year by the deadline noted below. You can fulfill this requirement by applying online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or completing a paper form. Applicants must designate our school to receive this information; the school code is 009314. The 2010-2011 FAFSA will be available on line on January 1, 2010.

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 COT students

Currently enrolled COT students, former COT 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@msugf.edu

Application deadline: The application and all documents must be received by **February 19, 2010**. Please mail or submit to:

Financial Aid Office
MSU-GF College of Technology
2100 16th Ave South
Great Falls, MT 59405

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 10-11, I will be a: New Freshman New Transfer Continuing COT Student

Name _____ Social Security # _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Intended Major/Program of Study _____

New Freshman: Cumulative High School GPA _____ Graduation Date _____

New Transfer: Cumulative GPA at last college: _____ Total Credits Earned _____

College Name _____ Major _____

Continuing COT Students: Cumulative GPA _____

High School Last Attended _____ US Citizen Yes No

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 participate in Student Government at MSU-Great Falls COT Yes No

I have completed an application for financial aid (FAFSA) for the 2010-2011 Year Yes No

I *will* complete an application for financial aid (FAFSA) for the 2010-2011 Year Yes No

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

Federal law requires MSU-Great Falls College of Technology to obtain written permission from the awardee 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 _____