



- **How do I know if my college/university/school is accredited?**
 - Click a link below that includes the state where the school you plan to attend is located. Search for your school to see if it is accredited. Please search carefully as the name in the directory may be slightly different than what you may know it as. (Ctrl & click the link below)
 - ❖ [Northwest Commissions on Colleges](#) (Includes: Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington).
 - ❖ [Higher Learning Commissions](#) (Includes: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming).
 - ❖ [New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commissions on Institutions of Higher Education \(CIHE\)](#) & [Technical and Career Institutions \(CTCI\)](#) (Includes: Connecticut, Maine Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Overseas).
 - ❖ [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges](#) (Includes: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Extraterritorial).
 - ❖ [Western Association of Schools & Colleges \(WASC\) Senior College and University Commission](#) (Includes States: California, Hawaii, and the Pacific).
 - ❖ [Middle States Commission on Higher Education \(MSCHE\)](#) (Includes: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands).
- **Can I retake the Eligibility Quiz?**
 - Yes, you can. Please send an email to Scholarship Manager, at scholarships@mtcf.org. They will reset your quiz.
- **I took the Eligibility Quiz and did not get the scholarship I thought I qualified for. What can I do?**
 - You have **two** options:
 - ❖ Send an email to Scholarship Manager, at scholarships@mtcf.org to reset your quiz.
 - ❖ You can go to www.mtcf.org/applications and find an access code by the name of each scholarship. Place the code within your Dashboard account where it says **Access code**.
- **How do I apply for a scholarship from Montana Community Foundation (MCF)?**
 - Visit www.mtcf.org/applications. Click on the "Apply Online" button. Create an account and take the eligibility quiz.

- **When is the application deadline?**
 - Applications must be received by midnight of the third Friday in March each year.
- **I missed the deadline; can I submit it late?**
 - Generally, no. We may consider requests for extensions on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Scholarship Manager, at scholarships@mtcf.org.
- **How many scholarships can I apply for?**
 - You can apply for as many scholarships as you qualify for, based on the individual scholarship criteria. For best results, take the eligibility quiz.
- **Can my scholarship be combined with other scholarships?**
 - MCF does not prohibit you from receiving multiple scholarships. However, every institution has its own policy on this matter. You should consult your institution's financial aid office for more information.
- **Do I have to submit an "official" transcript?**
 - No. We accept copies and "official" copies of transcripts.
 - ❖ For **high school** transcripts, please make sure your **grade level** and **Ranking status** are listed.
 - ❖ For **Renewal students**, a copy of your transcript printed from your school portal is acceptable, please make sure **your name** and **accumulative GPA** is shown.
- **I am a Renewal Award Recipient. Do I have to be full-time or part-time?**
 - Please see www.mtcf.org/applications, Scholarship Toolkit – Renewal Awarded & reapply Scholarship Criteria for each scholarship details full-time or part-time status requirements.
- **Can I submit a paper application?**
 - No, we only accept electronic applications through our online www.mtcf.org/applications.
- **What if I can't remember the password to my account?**
 - You can go to the MCF scholarship webpage and click on the "apply online" button on the login page, and select the "forgot my password" link. Make sure you are using the correct email. You can also email Scholarship Manager, at scholarships@mtcf.org to assist you.
- **Can I submit paper letters of recommendation?**
 - No, an email request will be emailed to the recommender through the online application process. If the application does not require a letter of recommendation, one is not needed.
- **Can I still receive the scholarship if I attend a school outside of Montana?**
 - This depends on the criteria for each individual scholarship. For example, the T. Eugene Young Montana's Promise Scholarship gives preference to those applicants attending a university/college in Montana.



- If you are awarded a scholarship, a check will be mailed to your school's financial aid office.
- **Do I have to be a full-time student?**
 - Each scholarship is different. Please check the individual scholarship criteria at mtcf.org/applications.
- **How will I be notified if I do or don't receive a scholarship award?**
 - If you are awarded a scholarship, a letter and certificate will be mailed to your home address or will be presented to you at your school by your school counselor or by one of our staff.
 - An email from our online portal will inform you if you did not receive a scholarship award.
- **Will you contact my parent(s) with award information?**
 - **You** as the applicant should be the principle point of contact for your MCF Application account, not your parent(s). We always contact the student before contacting the parent(s), and we expect the student to follow through with any additional information needed.
- **Is the scholarship award paid directly to me?**
 - **No**, the award is paid to the school you will be attending. You will need to submit your School Information & Acceptance Follow-up that has been assigned to you through your online application portal. Please see your award letter for instructions.
- **When is my scholarship award paid to the school?**
 - For **new students**, a check will be mailed on **July 31st**.
 - **Renewal** scholarship recipients are paid on the first Friday in August.
- **Is my award paid all at once?**
 - The entire scholarship award is sent to your post-secondary school.
 - **But** it is standard for the financial aid office of your school to split the award between semesters or quarters. (50% Fall semester and 50% Spring semester)
- **Can my scholarship be transferred to another school?**
 - Yes. You will need to notify MCF. Please contact Scholarship Manager, at 406-443-8313 or schoarships@mtcf.org, instructions will be provided of the refund and payout process. It is your responsibility to notify MCF not your parent(s).
- **Can I defer my scholarship award to a later date?**
 - Currently, MCF is not accepting deferral requests.
- **Can I reapply for the scholarship?**

- Please refer to the Scholarship Criteria document at www.mtcf.org/applications Scholarship Toolkit. Each MCF scholarship has its own specific criteria, it will be stated as reapply or renewal, if either is not listed it is a one-time payout.
- **What is the difference between Reapply and One-Time?**
 - **Reapply** – the applicant can reapply for the scholarship up to 3 times from the first award. Please note, some scholarships state one must wait one year after being awarded.
 - **One-Time** – This scholarship is paid one-time only. You cannot reapply.
- **What is the difference between Traditional and Non-Traditional**
 - **Traditional** – students who often defined as students who have entered college after High School
 - **Non-Traditional** – students who enroll one or more years after graduating high school or those who attend college on a part-time basis (commonly 24 years old and up).