



**Students Awarded Reach Higher Montana Scholarships**  
***Over 800 students applied for 81 scholarship awards***

**Helena – March 3, 2021** – Montana students from Libby to Wyola – and many communities in between – have been selected to receive the Reach Higher Montana Scholarship for use in the 2021-2022 academic year. Scholarships must be used at accredited Montana colleges (two-year, four-year, public, private, tribal, and vocational institutions).

The following students were selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships:

**Carroll College**

Katie Donaldson, Havre  
Ashley Braaksma, Manhattan  
Bellicia Hawk, Charlo  
Emma Putnam, Billings  
Michael Day, Billings  
Katelyn McKay, Helena  
Nicole Williams, Seeley Lake  
Whitney Durocher, Choteau  
Brooklyn Kenelty, Ronan  
Cara White, Helena  
Abraham Montalvo, Terry  
Katherine Bold, Big Sandy

**Montana Tech**

Emily Kidder, Helena  
Emily Ley, Butte  
Ethan Smartnick, Boulder  
Wayne Ascherman, Townsend  
Ethan Nelson, Helena  
Samuel Collins, Great Falls  
Colt Quinn, Butte  
Taylor Liva, Butte

**Rocky Mountain College**

Brynn Klinefelter, Great Falls  
Kendall Ard, Billings  
Lauren Ryter, Hamilton  
Jolia Buchanan, Thompson Falls

**University of Montana**

Melissa Paulsen, Bigfork  
Shiena Greata Medrano, Missoula  
Ann Killen, Huntley Project  
Shea Dolan, Billings  
Hunter Grimes, Columbia Falls  
Megan Andersen, Kalispell  
John Milton, Great Falls  
Samantha May, Joplin  
Aubree Bohrer, Deer Lodge  
Brealy LaRue, Melville  
BreeAnna Polk, Browning  
Annabelle Brown, Bozeman  
Hadley Garsjo, Sidney  
Nisa Caye, Stevensville

**Flathead Valley Community College**

Zevan Walker, Polson  
Tori Mower, Kalispell

**MSU-Billings**

Gracey Willis, Laurel

**Helena College**

Kevin Watson, Great Falls  
Garrett Hatling, Helena

**Montana State University**

Brietta Boyce, Winifred  
Trey Thompson, Libby  
Lillian Duffy, Kalispell  
Kelsey Kraft, Laurel  
Mariah Moulton, Conrad  
Whitney Barr, Polson  
Ammon Koch-Ford, Whitefish  
Madison Wiegand, Simms  
Tyler Van Steeland, Billings  
Gabrielle Sexton, Seeley Lake  
Jacob Martin, Bozeman  
Tanner Trafton, Lewistown  
Amy Haughian, Miles City  
Jazmine Spotted Bear, Cut Bank  
Rory Schillo, Billings  
Janell Swanson, Helena  
Sierra Sievers, Vaughn  
Cody Stene, Great Falls  
Garren Stops at Pretty Places, Wyola  
Hunter Cromwell, East Helena  
Ashton Lewis, Stevensville  
Charles Hinchey, Columbia Falls  
Emily Loos, Butte  
Emily Ingbertsen, Martin City  
Jenna Jordan, Corvallis  
Nyssa Schairer, Corvallis  
Rane Jackson, Missoula  
Cody Johannes, Worden  
Sally Weber, Libby  
Anna Trudnowski, Butte

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**University of Montana –  
Western**  
Logan Thompson, Bozeman

**Salish Kootenai College**  
Haylee Hoff, Hot Springs  
Samantha Brooks, Ronan

**Gallatin College**  
Tristan Walker, Belgrade  
Sylvia Wilting, Belgrade

**University of Providence**  
Macy Mangold, Lewistown  
Kaitlyn Boberg, Raynesford

**Fort Peck Community College**  
Nickolas Page, Wolf Point

The Reach Higher Montana Scholarship program annually awards eighty-one scholarships of \$1,000 each to Montana students. Thirty awards are made to graduating high school seniors, and fifty awards are made to students who are continuing their postsecondary education. In addition, one award is given to a Montana student with military experience in honor of Carl Valvoda, a Montana service member who tragically lost his life to cancer in 2015. This year's Carl Valvoda Scholarship recipient is Kevin Watson, a Great Falls High School graduate attending Helena College.

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**About Reach Higher Montana:** Reach Higher Montana is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Helena and working throughout Montana to help students achieve personal success in education, career, and life. In addition to scholarships for students and educators, Reach Higher Montana provides outreach services to students and parents, and delivers a number of impactful programs serving Montana students. To learn more, visit our website, [www.ReachHigherMontana.org](http://www.ReachHigherMontana.org), or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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