MONTANA STATE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

**PREREQUISITES:**

The applicant must be **a high school graduate** or have an equivalent GED at the time the scholarship is paid. At the time the scholarship is paid, the applicant must be enrolled as **a full-time student** (based on the educational institution’s definition of full-time for under-graduate or graduate studies). Proof of registration must be provided at the actual time of the scholarship payment. The applicant **must be a current Grange member**, individual or family.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

1. Have at least a 2.5 or better grade point average. (Include a most recent transcript – high school, university or vocational institution if applicable). **10%**

2. Career Objectives - Prepare in writing (250 word maximum) stated career goals and objectives. Include explanation of experiences that have led to this career choice. **10%**

3. Contributed time to Grange Community Service Projects**. 30%**

4. Other community, Grange, scholastic or church activities. **20%**

5. Financial Need. **10%**

6. Letters of references**. 20%**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Continued education may be vocational, trade, or university. School must be accredited for its type of learning.

2. Three (3) character references will be required. One letter must be from a Grange member who is not an immediate family member of the applicant. The letters must have a current date.

3. If awarded and the scholarship is not used within one (1) calendar year, it will revert back to the Montana State Grange Scholarship fund.

4. Up to two (2) scholarships of $1,000 each may be awarded.

5**. Applications shall be postmarked by February 25, 2025.** Applications must be on time and complete. The application form is due to: **Montana State Grange Secretary Gloria Paddock, 2020 Livingston Ave. Helena, MT 59601.**

6. The check will be made out to the person awarded the scholarship. The award will be available for the starting date of the chosen school’s term. Proof of Registration is to be sent to the Montana State Grange Treasurer Marie Nicholson, 1445 Summerdale Road, Corvallis, MT 59828. Payment will be made upon receipt of Proof of Registration.

7. Notices of scholarship availability will be printed in the Montana State Grange News and a copy of the Application Form be sent to each Subordinate Master by December 1 for the following calendar year. This application Form may be reproduced as needed by each Grange or School as needed.

8. The selection committee will be the Montana State Grange Executive Committee. Selection

will be made at the spring executive committee meeting and winners will be notified immediately.

9. The scholarship may be applied for and won more than once.

**MONTANA STATE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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HIGH SCHOOL YEAR GRADUATED \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

UNIVERSITY/VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED AND YEARS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GRANGE NAME & NUMBER\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN ABOVE GRANGE (as an obligated member

(individual or family), excluding Junior Grange membership) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe Grange involvement, including offices held and Grange activities you have participated in.

Offices Held

Grange Community Service Activities

Other Grange Activities

2. List community/civic organizations and activities you participate in. Please note any offices

or positions of leadership. Lists all honors and awards received that are related to these

activities and the year(s) received.

3. List scholastic and academic activities you have participated in and currently participate in.

Include those related to higher education if applicable. List all honors and awards received

that are related to these activities and the year(s) received.

4. Briefly describe your future plans. State career goals and objectives. Include explanation of

experiences that have let to this career choice. (250 word maximum)

5. Explain why you are applying for this scholarship. (include financial need)

6. Have you received this scholarship before? If yes, what years?

7. List any other scholarships or financial aid you will be receiving in the academic year in

which this scholarship will be awarded.

8. List the institution of higher education that you plan to attend in the academic year in which

this scholarship will be awarded. Indicate if you are currently attending this institution of

higher education.

9. List comments or other relevant information.

10. Attach three (3) letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a Grange member who

is not an immediate family member of the applicant.