



## YOUTH SERVE MONTANA

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### GUIDANCE FOR FINANCIAL AID OFFICES

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The [Montana Campus Network for Civic Engagement](http://mtengage.org) or “MCNCE” ([mtengage.org](http://mtengage.org)) is a higher education consortium made up of the affiliate campuses above. Campus CEOs from each campus above, pay dues and annually affiliate with the network. MCNCE campuses educate students for civic responsibility, and partners with communities to inspire, empower and promote community service and civic engagement.

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship honors incoming Montana college freshmen who have volunteered during their high school careers. The scholarship is made possible through a partnership between MCNCE, the [Governor’s Office of Community Service](#) and the [Reach Higher Montana](#), each playing a unique role. MCNCE affiliate campuses provide institutional match, Reach Higher provides cash, and promotion and administration is provided via the Governor’s Office of Community Service.

For the past twenty plus years campus CEOs, in their MCNCE CEO Council role, vote in the fall on continuing campus matching for the scholarship for the subsequent year. Once that decision has been made, staff from the MCNCE network office alerts financial aid offices, and works to determine any caps institutions will place on their matching funds, and walk through the scholarship match.

### Youth Serve Montana Scholarship: Details

**Dollar amount:** \$1500

**Awarded competitively to:** Incoming (Montana) college freshmen who have volunteered at least 100 hours, approximately 75 per year are awarded.

**How does the scholarship work:** These \$1500 scholarships come in two parts: the first half is a \$750 check or wire payment from Governor’s Office, via the Department of Labor, in August of each year. These funds are then applied to the student’s account. The second \$750 comes directly from the campus, per the MCNCE CEO Council’s wishes. Typically this portion comes as scholarship, fee waiver or other local funding to the student’s account, and is applied once the funds from Helena arrive.

**Application information:** <http://serve.mt.gov/youth-servemontana/>

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