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**Reach Higher Montana Doubles the Money with 81 - \$2000 Scholarships**

RHM Scholarship Now Open to Montana High School and College Students

**Thursday, December 1, 2022** - Do you know a student who could use \$2,000 to help pay for their education? The Reach Higher Montana Scholarship program opens on December 1, 2022, at [www.ReachHigherMontana.org](http://www.ReachHigherMontana.org). This year, the Montana-based nonprofit organization will award eighty-one scholarships – thirty awards for Class of 2023 graduating high school seniors, and fifty awards for students currently attending a Montana college or university for use in the 2023-2024 academic year.

In addition, one \$2,000 scholarship is earmarked for a current college student who has, or is currently, serving in the military. "The Carl Valvoda Military Scholarship is awarded in memory of Carl Valvoda, the son and husband of two former co-workers, who passed away due to a brain tumor," said Rhonda Safford, Reach Higher Montana Programs Manager.

The deadline to apply is January 15, 2023.

To be eligible for the scholarship, all applicants must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA, be attending or have graduated from a Montana high school, and completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2023-2024. Scholarships may only be used at Montana postsecondary education institutions, including private and tribal colleges, and two-year, four-year, and university campuses. Scholarship funds are awarded directly to the colleges, and can be applied towards any elements of the recipient's cost of attendance as calculated by the financial aid office.

For more information about this scholarship or any of our free resources, please visit Reach Higher Montana's website, [www.ReachHigherMontana.org](http://www.ReachHigherMontana.org), or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok.

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