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To: All MFDA Members
Re: MFDA Scholarships

We are searching for High School Seniors or College Freshmen, sophomores or juniors who deserve a Montana Food Distributors Association (MFDA) Scholarship. Nominees should be associated with the Food Industry through either employment or family relationships within the Industry.

An attachable application is provided below for your convenience. Complete application and support material must be submitted to the MFDA (P.O. Box 5775, Helena, MT 59604) by March 18, 2024. We will be awarding MFDA Scholarships and will notify winners before the finish of the school year in June of 2024.

Attached is a listing of criteria upon which judging will be based. Also, an explanation follows on what should be included in a MFDA Scholarship application. Counselors should follow these guidelines closely. In past years, some students have gained a competitive edge because of the quality of their application package.

Questions may be directed to the MFDA office at 1-800-735-1082.

Sincerely,

[Your MFDA Staff]
Montana Food Distributors Association

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2024 MFDA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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The applicant must attach a statement of 500 words or less explaining why the nominee merits a scholarship (e.g. need, scholastic achievements, leadership and other awards, extracurricular activities, etc.). Send application materials to: MFDA-P.O. Box 5775 –Helena, MT 59604. (For additional copies of application please photocopy).
2024 Scholarship
MONTANA FOOD DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION (MFDA)
Helena, MT 59604

The MFDA will award scholarships during 2024 from the MFDA.

After reviewing the Judging Criteria below, sponsors are advised to follow closely the Application Guideline. Competition is so keen that the way applications are submitted is often a deciding factor.

Judging Criteria

The MFDA Scholarship Committee uses eight criteria to evaluate each student. The score for each criterion ranges from zero to ten (0-10). The student with the top criteria ratings in aggregate win the scholarships.

Award Criteria are as follows:

- **AGE**- Students entering post-secondary education immediately after high school graduation receive a top rating (10).
- **HOME**- Montana residents receive the highest rating (10).
- **HIGH SCHOOL**- Montana high school grads receive a top rating (10). Graduates of out-of-state schools or a combination of Montana and out-of-state schools’ rate lower.
- **GRADE POINT AVERAGE**- Valedictorians or 4-point graduates rate a (10). Lower GPA’s rate progressively lower.
- **INTENDED COLLEGE**- Students attending Montana College rate (10) higher than those who are attending out of state schools.
- **FINANCIAL NEED**- The greatest need (10), the greater need the higher the rating.
- **STUDENT’S/PARENT’S WORKPLACE**- Applicants or their parents or both who are employed at MFDA member businesses rate (10) above those who are not.
- **SPONSOR’S WORKPLACE**- Applicants with sponsor(s) working at MFDA member businesses (10) rate above those who do not.

Application Guidelines

In past years, the MFDA Scholarship Committee has noted a marked difference in the quality among applications. Some councilors have compiled very professional applications while others have not. This has given certain students an unfair advantage over other, who are attending schools that do not assist their students to the same degree.

Applications should include the following:

- **All pertinent grade transcripts** – This includes four years of high school and other education being considered for admission to the preferred institution.
- **Letters of reference** – Three reference letters should be included. At least one should be from a person qualified to reflect on the application’s educational background.
- **List of Accomplishments** – academic, athletic, organizations, awards and other accomplishments should be listed by academic year, that is, National Honor Society (11, 12), Boys State Delegate (12), Sports (9,10,11,12), etc.
- **A background summary** – The applicant must summarize the applicant’s background in 500 words or less. This summary should use athletics, academics, extracurricular activities, awards, employment, financial need, and any other activities that show why the applicant should be considered for a MFDA Award.
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Personal Information

First Name __________________ MI _____ Last Name ________________________________

Date of Birth: ___________ ** Social Security # to be provided upon award of Scholarship.

Mailing and Contact Information

Address Line 1 ____________________________

Address Line 2 ____________________________

City ___________________ State ___________ Zip _________________

Phone ___________________ E-Mail ________________________________

Financial Needs and Resources

Please provide information below for financial needs (for upcoming school year).

Tuition and Fees $ _____________

Room and Board $ _____________

Books and Supplies $ _____________

Personal Requirements $ _____________

Total: $ _________________

Please provide information below for personal resources:

Anticipated summer earnings $ _________________

Anticipated Personal Savings $ _________________

Anticipated financial aid, loans and grants for Upcoming year, based on last year’s financial awards. $ _________________

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Taxable income (yourself and parents) (As listed on last year’s tax return) $ ______________

Total Personal Resources: $ ______________

Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name __________________________ Company __________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State ________________ Zip __________

Phone __________________________ E-Mail __________________________________

Education

High School Name/County __________________________________________________

Date of Graduation ______________ GPA ____________ SAT/ACT Score _________

College Attending _________________________________________________________

Intended Date of Enrollment _______________________________________________

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STUDENT RECIPIENT INFORMATION

Student Name__________________________________________

Student ID # __________________________

Phone ___________________ E-Mail __________________________

Address _______________________________________________

City _______________ State _______________ Zip ___________

RECIPIENT’S COLLEGE OR POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION
INFORMATION

Accredited School Name ___________________________________

Phone ___________________ Email __________________________

Address _______________________________________________

City _______________ State _______________ Zip ___________

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________


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