

**MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION
MTA EDUCATION FOUNDATION / LEONARD ECKEL MEMORIAL
EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarships will be awarded by the MTA Education Foundation / Leonard Eckel Scholarship Committee this year. The scholarships will be awarded to new applicants and applicants entering a four-year Montana College, University, Trade school, or other educational institution. If you have a son or daughter leaning toward a career in our industry we encourage applications. Grades are a part of the process of determining our recipients, but they are not the deciding factor. The amount of each individual award will be decided by the Scholarship Trustees at the time of selection.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION (MTA) Education Foundation / Leonard Eckel Memorial Educational Trust is to provide assistance to aid in the payment of tuition, books and fees for as many qualified employees or dependents of employees of the Members of the MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION or employees or dependents of employees of MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION as possible. Scholarship applicants must satisfactorily meet **all** of the following criteria:

- A.** Maintain a cumulative grade point average from high school of 2.50.
- B.** Received written acceptance from the Montana college, university, or other educational institution they desire to attend.

- C.** Be an employee or a dependent of an employee of a Member of MTA
 - Be an employee or a dependent of an employee of MTA who shall have been employed by the Member Company or by MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION for at least six months prior to submitting the application.
 - The employee's supervisor must give written confirmation of the employee's status as a regular full-time employee, such written notice to be included with application.

The Scholarship Committee will verify the employee's status immediately prior to the awarding of the scholarship grant to determine if there has been any change in the employee's status between the date of the application and the date of the award.

- D.** Complete and submit the scholarship application form. **Must be postmarked by May 2, 2023.**

- E.** Be a student enrolled in a Montana post-secondary education curriculum.

SCOPE

The scope of the scholarship program is designed to include employees or their children graduating from high school, returning from military service, students already in college working towards an undergraduate degree, or those employees or children of employees enrolling in a trade school. Scholarships are awarded on a one-year basis, or a shorter term if that is the course. Awards for scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship

Committee whose decision is final in such matters.

OPERATION

- A.** Applications from interested individuals will be mailed to the Scholarship Committee as outlined under "Purpose" above. The Committee will meet to consider applications for full year aid no later than the third week **after May 2, 2023.**

- B.** Selection criteria for scholarship recipients will be based on the following guidelines.

1. Scholastic record and ability
2. Need of additional financial assistance
3. Outside school activities such as athletics, dramatics, speech, etc.
4. Record of financial self-help
5. The content and appearance of the application

- C.** At the conclusion of the selection process, all applicants will be contacted, thanking them for their interest in the program, and those who have been awarded scholarships will be informed. Unsuccessful candidates may reapply for consideration in subsequent years, providing they remain fully eligible.

D. Not later than two weeks prior to the start of the school year, the Scholarship Fund Committee will mail a check to the recipient's designated school for payment of tuition, books, and fees for that school term. Scholarship award amounts will be determined by the Committee, and will depend on the final overall standings of the winners.

E. Holders of a scholarship from the MTA Education Foundation / Leonard Eckel Memorial Educational Trust may accept scholarships from other sources, as long as the total of the assistance they are receiving does not exceed the total of their expenses, including tuition, fees, room and board.

F. Should a student fail to qualify for a second or third term during that year, the remaining funds allocated for his/her use will be returned to the fund.

G. At the conclusion of a successful year, the student may apply for a renewal of the scholarship. The renewal will be handled in exactly the same manner as a new application.

H. The fact that one child of an employee has won a scholarship and is attending college will not prevent another child of that employee from receiving a scholarship.

I. Neither the Member company nor the MTA assumes any responsibility for the conduct, personal affairs, or debts of scholarship winners, or candidates for scholarships, and shall not be liable in any manner.

J. Scholarship winners whose employment or whose parent's employment has been terminated with a Member Company of MTA or with MTA or whose Member Company's membership in the MTA shall have been terminated after the award of the scholarship for any reason other than death, accident, or illness, shall be dropped from the award for the next school term.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

A. Student must carry no less than the minimum number of credits to be considered a full time student at their chosen institution. The registrar's office will be contacted by the Scholarship Committee to verify that the scholarship recipients are registered as full time students prior to releasing scholarship funds to the student's account.

Scholarships for students enrolled in courses of longer duration, such as programs of engineering, architecture or medicine, may be approved by the Committee. If extended courses are contemplated, that fact should be clearly stated in the application.

Students seeking scholarships for non-college type courses that are of shorter duration, such as diesel mechanics, truck drivers, or of that type, must clearly state that fact in their application.

B. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 must be maintained. The scholarship fund will, before remitting the second payment for the year, require that the registrar's office verify the student's grade point average for the previous semester or term, and that the student is registered fulltime for the next term, prior to the release of the funds.

C. At the close of each semester or term, it shall be the student's responsibility to provide the Scholarship Committee with a transcript of the courses completed, grades earned and course registration information for the next term.

D. Individuals may be eliminated from the scholarship program if they are placed on academic or social probation any time for any reason during the school year.

E. The scholarship award of a recipient who leaves school for any reason without the approval of the Scholarship Committee, or whose scholastic work falls below the minimum requirements for their degree, shall forthwith be dropped from the program.

F. Students who fail to adhere to the conditions connected with their scholarship award may disqualify themselves from participation in the program for the following school year.

REMITTANCE

Mail attached application and accompanying information. **Must be postmarked by May 2, 2023 to:**

MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION
Attn: Scholarship Committee
501 North Sanders #201
Helena, MT 59601

MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION
MTA Education Foundation / Leonard Eckel
Memorial Educational Trust
Scholarship Application Form

The applicant must be an employee or a dependent of an employee of a Member of the MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION or an employee or a dependent of an employee of the MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION. Students must be Montana residents and enrolled in a Montana post-secondary education curriculum.

Scholarships will be awarded in consideration of scholastic record and ability, need of financial assistance, outside school activities, record of self-help, and on the content and appearance of the application. The scholarship may be used for any field of study including vocational education. Reapplications for subsequent years will be accepted.

Applications must be submitted & postmarked no later than May 2, 2023 to the MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 501 N. Sanders #201 Helena, MT 59601. (Late applications will not be considered.)

PART A: Biographical Data

(Information must be complete to be considered)

Student's Full Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security No. _____ Telephone No. _____

Marital Status _____ No. of Dependents _____

Father's Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Company _____

Date of Employment _____ Address _____ Telephone No. _____

Mother's Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Company _____

Date of Employment _____ Address _____ Telephone No. _____

High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

School you plan to attend (check one):

Community College _____ Vocational School _____ University _____

Name of School _____

Entering Freshman _____ Returning Student _____ Year _____

Colleges Attended _____ From (Date) _____ To _____

_____ From (Date) _____ To _____

PART B: Family Background

Father's annual net income (after taxes) _____ Mother's annual net income (after taxes) _____

Ages of brothers and sisters at home _____

Ages of brothers or sisters attending college _____

PART C: Proposed Budget

Savings \$ _____ Summer Employment \$ _____ Loans \$ _____

Part time Employment during College Year \$ _____

Social Security Benefits \$ _____ Help from Parents and Others \$ _____

Do you own a car? _____ Year and Make _____

Are you making car payments? _____ Amount \$ _____

PART D: Please attach a brief summary of your activities and work experience. Include school, community, church, etc. List any positions of responsibility held, and any honors you have received.

PART E: Please attach letters of recommendation from one teacher, one school administrator (principal or vice principal) of your school, and one other adult who has known you for some time.

PART F: Please attach a one page typed essay (single spaced, minimum 10 font size) in response to the following question:
How is the trucking industry important to you and the State of Montana?

PART G: Please attach a brief statement describing your need for this scholarship award.

PART H: Please attach a brief written statement which includes your plans for the future, your career and life goals.

PART I: Please attach written confirmation of employment in a MTA member company.

I declare that all the information reported is true, correct and complete. If I am granted a scholarship from the MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION / Leonard Eckel Memorial Educational Trust, I agree to submit a report of my grades and educational progress at the time that I receive them from my school.

Date _____ E-mail Address _____

Applicant's Signature _____