



# Montana Food Distributors Association

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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 April 3, 2018. We will be awarding MFDA Scholarships and will notify winners before the finish of the school year in June of 2018.

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. Councilors 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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## 2018 MFDA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Sponsor's Name	Student's Name
Company	Relationship to Sponsor
Street Address/P.O. Box	Street Address/P.O. Box
City      State      Zip	City      State      Zip
(   )	(   )
Sponsor's Phone Number	Student's Phone Number
College Attending	Enrollment Date

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).

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF THE

WORK OF THE

COMMISSION ON THE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1946

The Commission on the Organization and Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture was organized on July 1, 1945, by Executive Order of the President. Its purpose was to study the organization and administration of the Department and to recommend such changes as might be necessary to improve its efficiency and effectiveness. The Commission has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from interested parties. It has also conducted extensive research and has held many private hearings. The Commission has now completed its study and is submitting this report to the President and the Congress. The report contains a detailed analysis of the current organization and administration of the Department and recommends a number of changes which are believed to be necessary for the improvement of the Department's organization and administration. The Commission believes that these changes are essential for the Department to be able to carry out its responsibilities more effectively and efficiently in the future.

The Commission's recommendations are based on a number of principles which it believes should guide the reorganization of the Department. These principles are: (1) the Department should be organized on a functional basis; (2) the Department should be organized on a basis of economy and efficiency; (3) the Department should be organized on a basis of flexibility and adaptability; (4) the Department should be organized on a basis of decentralization; (5) the Department should be organized on a basis of coordination and cooperation; (6) the Department should be organized on a basis of public participation; (7) the Department should be organized on a basis of merit and competence; (8) the Department should be organized on a basis of responsibility and accountability; (9) the Department should be organized on a basis of transparency and openness; (10) the Department should be organized on a basis of integrity and honesty. The Commission believes that these principles are essential for the Department to be able to carry out its responsibilities more effectively and efficiently in the future.

# 2018 Scholarship

MONTANA FOOD DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION (MFDA)  
Helena, MT 59604

**The MFDA will award scholarships during 2018 from the MFDA.**

After reviewing the **Judging Criteria** below, sponsors are advised to follow closely the **Application Guideline**. Competition is so keen that the manner in which 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 five (0-10). Student with the top three criteria ratings win the scholarships.**

**Award Criteria are as follows:**

- **AGE**- Students entering post-secondary education the 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 a 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 aren't.
- **SPONSOR'S WORKPLACE**-Applicants with sponsor(s) working at MFDA member businesses (10) rate above those who don't.

## 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 haven't. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

## 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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**December 2017**

**Dear Financial Aid Counselor:**

**The MONTANA FOOD DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION (MFDA) awards scholarships annually provided by the MFDA.**

**Enclosed you will find an application form, and guidelines/criteria for the scholarships. If any of your students qualify, please encourage them to apply; nominees should be associated with the Food Industry through either employment or family relationships within the Industry. The submission deadline is April 3, 2018.**

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 1-800-735-1082.**

**Sincerely,**

**MFDA Staff**

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