

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation Alumni Scholarship Program

Application



YELLOWSTONE BOYS & GIRLS RANCH FOUNDATION ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Funds to help students enrolled in college or a vocational training program are provided by several Yellowstone Foundation donors.

Kenneth C. Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter was a man of few words and modest in his lifestyle. He grew up on the family farm outside Chinook, Montana. He attended Northern Montana College and earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Montana State University. After being honorably discharged from the United States Army, he worked as a civil engineer for the Montana Department of Transportation.

Helen Doornbos Hull

Mr. Marvin Hull provided funds in memory of Mrs. Helen Doornbos Hull to commemorate her life, her great love for children and her life-long dedication to education. Mrs. Hull studied to be a teacher at college in Dillon, Montana. Attending school during the Great Depression, she knew first-hand the struggles students experience trying to balance a budget while going to school.

Carrol V. Lipp

Mr. Lipp provided funds received for giving his extremely rare type of blood for use in cancer research conducted by Dr. Georg F. Springer in the state of Illinois.

Preference for these scholarship funds will be given to Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch students who are interested in a career in medicine or Christian service. Preference will also be given to Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch students from the state of Illinois.

Lauren P. Miller

Mr. Miller provided funds because of his concern for the children of Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and his appreciation for the importance of a good education.

YELLOWSTONE BOYS & GIRLS RANCH FOUNDATION ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

*Applicants intending to attend **Montana State University** (MSU) in Bozeman are encouraged to review the *Fay Doney Scholarship*. Information can be obtained from Yellowstone Foundation or the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering or the College of Education, Health and Human Development at MSU. Applicants must apply by February 1st each year.

Eligibility

All candidates for an Alumni Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Students must have been a resident at Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and/or enrolled at Yellowstone Academy.
2. Students must be or going to be a degree candidate at an accredited two or four year institution, including vocational schools, which normally maintain a regular faculty and curriculum and normally have a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly carried on (“Educational Institution”).
3. Students must submit a substantially complete application with the following supporting documents: Official Transcript(s) for each completed term of high school, except for terms completed at Yellowstone Academy, or if applicable, a copy of your GED/HSE (High School Equivalency) certificate; one current letter of recommendation; and a 500 word essay (“Supporting Documents”). The letter of recommendation should address the student’s motivation, character, ability and potential. The essay should be 500 words explaining the career the student is pursuing and why the student chose this career.
4. Recipients must timely notify Yellowstone Foundation of any relevant changes in their plans, such as: not attending an Educational Institution, attending a different Educational Institution, a change in tuition or fees, or grant or scholarship amounts to be received. Failure to do so may result in the student’s scholarship being reduced or revoked, and the student may be deemed ineligible for future scholarships, as determined by Yellowstone Foundation.
5. A student who is, or whose spouse is, descended from or a sibling to any of the scholarship fund donors or a current member of the Selection Committee or a person who has served as a member of the Selection Committee in the 5 year term ending on the date when the Selection Committee makes scholarship recommendations to Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation (“Yellowstone Foundation”), or who is a “disqualified person” as defined in IRC Section 4958(f) (1), as amended, with respect to Yellowstone Foundation, is ineligible.
6. Students are encouraged to submit their application and Supporting Documents by July 1 for the following academic year. For substantially complete applications with Supporting Documents submitted after that date, a scholarship will only be awarded if scholarship funds remain available after all deserving applications submitted by July 1st are funded. All applications must be substantially complete and be submitted with Supporting Documents no later than the first day of classes for the academic term (i.e. year, term, quarter) for which the scholarship is sought.

Criteria for Selection

1. Prior academic performance, including grades and difficulty of courses completed.
 2. Motivation, character, ability and potential based on one current letter of recommendation from an unrelated person and the student's essay.
 3. For the Lipp Scholarship, preference will be given to students pursuing a career in the field of medicine or Christian service or who were YBGR students from Illinois.
 4. No candidate will be denied consideration or selection because of race, religion, gender, nationality or ethnic group.
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Selection, Number Amount and Use of Scholarships

1. The Selection Committee is composed of three members: the President of Yellowstone Foundation (or his or her designee), the Principal of Yellowstone Academy and the Counselor at Yellowstone Academy (or one or two other members in place of the Principal and /or Counselor as appointed by the Superintendent of Yellowstone Academy).
 2. The Selection Committee shall recommend to the President of Yellowstone Foundation whether a scholarship should be awarded to an applicant, and if so, the amount.
 3. The Yellowstone Foundation Board of Directors will decide the maximum amount from the Scholarship Fund to appropriate each year for scholarships.
 4. The President of Yellowstone Foundation will, on recommendation of the Selection Committee, make the final decision whether a scholarship will be awarded, and if so, the amount. Scholarships will generally not be less than \$500 and not exceed \$2,500 per academic year.
 5. Scholarships are only for tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance of a student at an Educational Institution. Scholarship amounts shall not exceed a student's tuition and fees minus any grants or other scholarships applied to tuition and fees. Unused scholarship amounts in a particular academic term will not be carried forward, but will be kept in or added back to the Scholarship Fund. If a student withdraws from the Educational Institution during the time when tuition and fees can be refunded, they must be returned to the Scholarship Fund. Payment will be made directly to each recipient's Educational Institution.
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Application Process

The student should return the completed application form, including Official Transcript(s) {*An Official Transcript is a document that reflects your educational achievements and may be obtained from your “Educational Institution.” For a transcript to be considered “official” it must be signed and sealed by the Educational Institution and submitted, unopened and intact, with your scholarship application.*} for all completed terms of high school, except terms completed at Yellowstone Academy, (or a copy of your GED/HSE certificate) and completed terms of post-secondary education (if any); one current letter of recommendation from an unrelated person addressing the student’s motivation, character, ability and potential; and a 500 word essay explaining the career the student is pursuing and why the student chose this career. The application should be mailed to:

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee
PO Box 80807
Billings, Montana 59108

Only substantially complete applications with required Official Transcript(s), current letter of recommendation, and 500 word essay received by Yellowstone Foundation will be considered. For further information call the Yellowstone Academy Counselor at (406) 656-2198 or Yellowstone Foundation at (406) 656-8772.

Responsibilities of Recipient

Recipients must immediately notify Yellowstone Foundation at (406) 656-8772 or kristi@yellowstonefoundation.org of any relevant changes in their plans or qualification status, such as: not attending an Educational Institution, attending a different Educational Institution, or a change in tuition or fees, or grant or scholarship amounts to be received.

YELLOWSTONE BOYS & GIRLS RANCH FOUNDATION

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Applicant's Name: _____
2. Current Mailing Address: _____
3. Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____ or Student ID number: _____
4. Home Phone: (_____) ____ - _____ Cell Phone: (_____) ____ - _____
5. Email Address: _____
6. Year(s) of attendance at Yellowstone Academy: _____
7. High School (where graduated or anticipate graduating, if any): _____
8. Year of Graduation/High School Equivalency (HSE) Certificate (or anticipated graduation/HSE): _____
9. Academic Term for Which You Are Applying: _____

10. College, University or Vocational School You Plan to Attend this Upcoming Academic Term:
 - a. Name: _____
 - b. Location (City and State): _____
 - c. Office to Which Scholarship Payment Should Be Made (such as Office of the Registrar): _____

 - d. Address of Office to Which Scholarship Payment Should Be Made: _____

 - e. Intended Course of Study: _____
11. Total Tuition and Required Fees for Upcoming Academic Term: _____
12. Please List Below the Source and Amount of Any Grants or Scholarships You Expect to Receive for the Upcoming Academic Term (Please be sure to include any HOPE Scholarship Funds you will receive) (attach another page if necessary):

Name of Grant/Scholarship	Amount

You must notify Yellowstone Foundation immediately if there are any changes to your answer to questions 9 – 12. Failure to do so may result in reductions or termination of any scholarship granted and may disqualify you from future scholarships.

DUE DATE/REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: Each year please submit this application and the following documents by July 1st if possible, but **no later than the first day of classes for the academic term for which the scholarship is sought.** (Applications received or made complete after July 1st, but before the first day of classes, will be considered only if there are sufficient funds remaining after all other applications have been reviewed.)

This completed application with required documents attached should be mailed to:

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Documents to attach:

1. If a High School Senior: An Official Transcript(s) showing your cumulative GPA for all completed terms of High School, except terms completed at Yellowstone Academy.
2. If a High School Graduate or GED/HSE Certificate Holder:
 - a. An Official Transcript(s) showing your cumulative GPA for all completed terms of High School, except terms completed at Yellowstone Academy; or if applicable, a copy of your GED/HSE certificate, and
 - b. An Official Transcript(s) showing your cumulative GPA for all completed terms at a post-secondary Educational Institution.

AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT IS A DOCUMENT THAT REFLECTS YOUR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. FOR A TRANSCRIPT TO BE CONSIDERED "OFFICIAL" IT MUST BE SIGNED AND SEALED BY THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND SUBMITTED, UNOPENED AND INTACT, WITH YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

3. One current letter of recommendation from an unrelated party discussing your motivation, character, ability and potential.
4. A 500 word essay discussing the career you are pursuing and why you have chosen this career.

I (we) affirm the information reported is true, correct and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge. I (we) agree that I (we) will, on request, provide documentation necessary to verify information reported on this form. I (we) understand that falsification of information may result in reduction or termination of any scholarship granted and may disqualify me from any future scholarships. I (we) give permission to Yellowstone Academy to release my (our) Official Transcript to Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation to verify attendance and GPA.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant under age 18)

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received: ____ / ____ / ____ Essay Received: ____ / ____ / ____
 Official Transcript(s) Received: ____ / ____ / ____ Current Letter of Recommendation Received: ____ / ____ / ____
 Final Receipt Date of All Required Documents: ____ / ____ / ____

Does Applicant Meets Eligibility Requirements for Scholarship? (Yes / No)

Recommended:

\$ _____
Recommended Amount

Scholarship Selection Committee Member

Date

\$ _____
Approved Amount

YBGR Foundation President of Designee

Date



"It sure makes a difference when you know somebody cares"