



## 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 March 14, 2026. We will be awarding MFDA Scholarships and will notify winners before the finish of the school year in June of 2026.

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*

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### 2026 MFDA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Sponsor's Name

Student's Name

Signature (Must be Signed by Sponsor)

Signature (Must be Signed normal Signature)

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).

## 2026 Scholarship

**MONTANA FOOD DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION (MFDA)**  
**Helena, MT 59604**

**The MFDA will award scholarships during 2026 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. (Therefore, cannot be transferred to an out of state institution after award)
- **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 **(Note can not be changed after Award without consent)**

**Accredited School Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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