



## Scholarship Fast Facts

### 2009 - 2010 Academic Year

- New West Health Services created the “Health Care for Montanans” Scholarship Program and is partnering with Montana’s institutions of higher learning to award the scholarships to Montana students.
- The Program is aimed at students studying for Montana careers in health care fields, many of which are facing a shortage of professional workers.
- Each bachelors or masters degree program scholarship will be for \$2,000. For 2-year associates degree programs, scholarships will be for \$1,000.
- There will be a total of 10-12 scholarships awarded during the Spring 2009 semester for use during the 2009/2010 academic year.
- Scholarships can be used at the following four-year colleges or universities in Montana: Montana State University-Bozeman, Montana State University-Billings, Montana State University-Northern, University of Montana-Missoula, Montana Tech of the University of Montana-Butte, Carroll College-Helena, the University of Great Falls and Rocky Mountain College-Billings.
- Scholarships for associates degrees can be used at the following 2-year Montana institutions:
  - Helena College of Technology
  - Flathead Valley Community College
- Scholarship Criteria:
  - Montana residents in their junior or senior year of a four-year degree program or a graduate program in public health and/or nursing or in their second year of a 2-year associates program..
  - Montana students interested in pursuing a health care career within the state of Montana.
  - G.P.A. of at least 3.0.
  - Expected family financial contribution of \$7,500 or less to the overall education costs.
  - Completion of official scholarship application.
  - Submission of a short essay.
  - Copies of transcripts, grades and academic status will also be required as part of the application.
- Scholarship applications are available at:
  - New West headquarters in Helena
  - Financial aid offices at all participating schools
  - New West website at [www.newwesthealth.com](http://www.newwesthealth.com)
- Completed scholarship applications will be due by Saturday, April 15, 2009.
- The scholarship winners will be announced during the last week of April.
- Complete details about the scholarship program can be found on the New West Health Services web site at: [www.newwesthealth.com](http://www.newwesthealth.com).
- This new scholarship program is just one of the many ways New West Health Services is working towards a solution to the growing health care professional worker shortage in Montana.
- This is the second year the “Health Care for Montanans” Scholarship Program has been in existence, and New West is committed to the continued success the program.
- New West Health Services is committed to connecting people to good health care in a simplified way.



### **New West Fast Facts**

- New West Health Services is headquartered in Helena, Montana, with its operational center in Kalispell and regional offices in Billings and Missoula.
- New West is Montana's provider-sponsored health services corporation and has partnerships with more than 3,300 medical professionals and facilities.
- The company currently has more than 43,000 members across Montana.
- New West Health Services is sponsored by: Billings Clinic in Billings, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman, Northern Montana Health Care in Havre, St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, Benefis Healthcare in Great Falls and Community Medical Center in Missoula.
- New West offers a wide variety of group and individual health care plans, including Medicare Advantage.