



2024 Montana TRIO ACHIEVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

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GRANT INFORMATION

The Montana TRIO Grant is a one-time award of \$1,500. This grant will be awarded to the first 230 applicants who meet grant **eligibility requirements**. This grant is disbursed directly to the student's institution of higher education. The grant may be used to cover the student's cost of attendance (tuition, fees, books, room, meal plans, etc.) at any U.S. accredited college or university that awards an associate's degree or higher.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Read the **eligibility requirements** to determine if you are eligible to apply for an Achievement Grant.
2. Complete this application.
3. Attach your 7th semester transcript.
4. Submit signed application and additional materials **no later than March 1, 2024**, either by mail to the address below or by using the Montana University System's secure mail service (<https://mus.edu/securemail.html>). Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Awards must be claimed within 3 semesters following high school graduation.

Mail To: MT GEAR UP Scholarship Department; P.O. Box 203201; Helena, MT 59620-3201

For Questions: Contact John Kilgour at the Montana GEAR UP Program (jkilgour@montana.edu / 406-449-9140)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for an Achievement Grant you must:

- Be enrolled in a TRIO Talent Search or Upward Bound Program before or during your junior year of high school.
- Be a participant in a TRIO program at the time of high school graduation.
- Maintain and graduate with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
- Have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be Pell Grant eligible.

Note: check your FFS (FAFSA Submission Summary) to determine if you are eligible to receive Pell funds; final determination of Pell Grant eligibility will be confirmed by the campus prior to disbursement of funds.

- Be on track to complete the Montana University System college preparatory curriculum as evidenced by your 7th semester high school transcript. **The college preparatory requirements must be met and authorized by graduation to receive funding.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Parent/Guardian First Name	Last Name
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email (use non-school email address)
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Social Security Number (Required)	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	State Student ID
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Educational Background:

High School	Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY)	City
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Date you submitted the FAFSA

Educational Plans:

Please indicate the college(s) where you plan to apply (we will verify your enrollment at the start of Fall 2023):

I authorize my (child's) TRIO Program and the Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to use my (child's) name and high school in promotional materials, newsletters, and state newspapers.

Yes No

By signing this application, I authorize my (child's) high school and/or other educational institution to provide any necessary documents or information to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education to confirm my (child's) eligibility for this award. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

By signing this application, I certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature _____

Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Talent Search and Upward Bound Program Information			Enrollment Date: _____
IMPORTANT! Eligible applicants must be currently enrolled in a Montana TRIO Talent Search or Upward Bound Program. Please indicate which program you are enrolled in.			
Program	Director	Email	Phone
Montana State University – Billings			
Talent Search & Upward Bound	Barb Waters	barbara.waters@msubillings.edu	406-657-2176
Montana Tech			
Talent Search	Theresa Rader	trader@mtech.edu	406-496-4683
Upward Bound	Adam Maes	amaes2@mtech.edu	406-560-6891
Upward Bound Math/Science	Adam Maes	amaes2@mtech.edu	406-560-6891
North Central Montana			
Upward Bound	Emma Lamebull	emma.lamebull@ftbelknap.org	406-353-8401
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)			
Talent Search	Derek Calvert	dcalvert@montana.edu	406-449-9137
Salish Kootenai College			
Upward Bound	Heather Licht	heather_licht@skc.edu	406-275-4988
University of Montana			
Upward Bound	Dannette Fadness	dannette.fadness@umontana.edu	406-243-2219

Montana University System - College Preparatory Requirements

Mathematics: 3 years Courses shall include Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II (or the sequential content equivalent of these courses). Students are encouraged to take a math course in their senior year.

Note: In schools where a student may take Algebra I in the 8th grade, the student must still complete 3 years of math in high school.

English: 4 years In each year the content of the course should have an emphasis upon the development of written and oral communication skills and literature.

Lab Sciences: 2 years One year must be earth science, biology, chemistry, or physics; the other year can be one of those sciences or another approved college preparatory laboratory science.

Social Studies: 3 years The courses shall include Global Studies (such as World History or World Geography); American History; and Government, Economics, Indian History, or other third-year courses.

Note: Students must complete a full year of Global Studies such as World History or World Geography, a full year of American History, and an additional year in another social studies field such as economics, psychology, sociology, tribal government, or Indian History.

Electives: 2 years World language (2 years preferred), computer science, visual and performing arts, or vocational education units which meet the Office of Public Instruction guidelines. (Such as Information Technology or Computer Science.)

This section **MUST** be completed by your high school counselor or designee for verification of college preparation courses. Is this student on track to meet the requirements of the Montana University System College Preparatory Requirements by the time of graduation? Please check one: Yes No

Counselor Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date: _____