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2019

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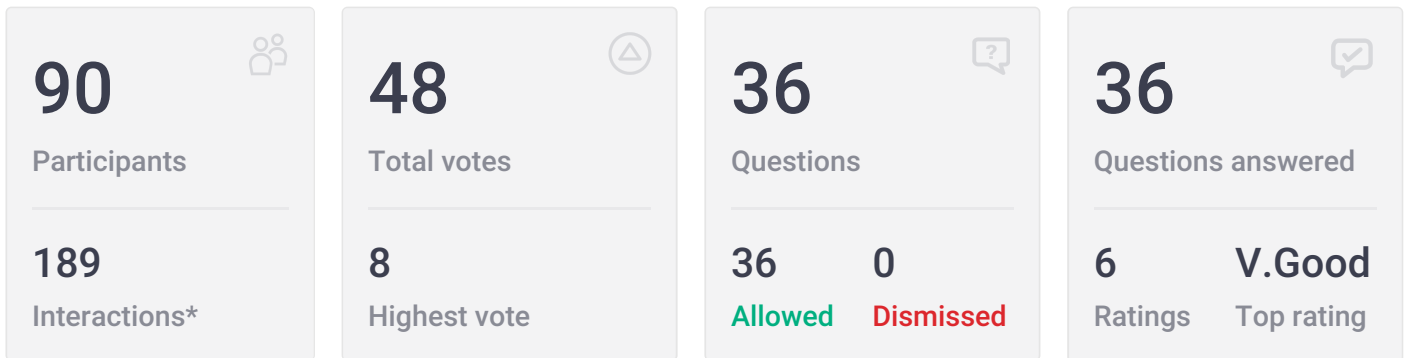
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2019 Montana Counselor Update | Question & Answer Room

21 Oct 2019, 09:30 - 27 Oct 2019, 23:59

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36 Questions Allowed

8
VOTES

Anonymous • 22 Oct 2019 10:11 • ✓ ANSWERED
Do we know the dates for 2020 College Application Week?

No answer ratings

2 Comments:

Sam - Gear Up Programs • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:38 • Allowed

September 28 - October 2. We expect it to be the last week in September each year.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:42 • Allowed
Thank you!

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

4
VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:04 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

Do students automatically get accepted into Highlands College if they are accepted into Montana Tech? Do they use the same application? I had a student who couldn't specify this on the application.

1 Comments:

Anonymous • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 16:50 • Allowed

Hello, thanks for your question. Students use the same application for Highlands College and Montana Tech. We know they intend to enroll at Highlands College based on their major. The specific admission requirements for those programs are applied at that time. Feel free to call me at 496-4879 if you have questions! --Leslie Dickerson

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 11:11 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

What is the job market for anthrozoology graduates? Where are they working and do you know the average starting salary for graduates in that market?

1 Comments:

Laurie Rodriguez • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:29 • Allowed

Those who graduate with a bachelor's degree usually do work in animal assisted activities, narcotics detection and wildlife work. Most students go on to graduate school. Students who continue their education explore clinical psychology, social work, animal-welfare law, counseling, physical or occupational therapy, or veterinary school.

For additional information:

<https://www.carroll.edu/academic-programs/anthrozoology>

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:24 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

When should our students expect to receive admissions acceptance letters after applying during CAW? I know some have heard from UM main campus, FVCC and MT Tech but still waiting on other colleges.

7 Comments:

Great Falls College MSU • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 13:05 •

Allowed

Students should be receiving their letters from Great Falls College anytime now if they have not already! Please feel free to have students that have not received their letter reach out to the Admissions office at 406.268.3700 or admissions@gfcmsu.edu.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Trevor Belnap • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:28 • Allowed

Acceptance letters from MSUB/City College should have gone out 7-10 business days after the student submitted their application. At this point, any student who applied during CAW to one of our two campuses should have received their admissions letter. If not, they should request a status update by emailing admissions@msubillings.edu

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:31 • Allowed

Generally 2-3 weeks. But if you have students who haven't heard feel free to email me directly at emily.steger@mso.umt.edu and we can take a look at your students. Thanks!

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Sarah • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:48 • Allowed

Helena College sent letters out the following week. Students can email admissions@helenacollege.edu if they have questions about their status.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:19 • Allowed

If a student has not heard back from Montana Western yet they should be getting a letter within the next week or two.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Danielle- MCC • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:28 • Allowed
Students who applied to MCC should acceptance letters from us at this time. If they haven't received a letter, please contact student services at 406-874-6101.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:52 • Allowed
MSU is working as quick as we can to process our applications from CAW! Due to unexpected volume, we are running just a touch behind so students should be hearing soon.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 14:10 • ✓ ANSWERED
Next year 2020-21 ACT will be superscoring. How will this affect MUSHS scoring?

No answer ratings

1 Comments:

Sheila Newlun • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:17 • Allowed
Sorry, we don't know yet - we will be discussing it over the next few months!

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 14:15 • ✓ ANSWERED
Must students have a FAFSA completed to apply to college? If they plan on paying completely on their own, is it necessary?

No answer ratings

8 Comments:

Anonymous • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 11:09 • Allowed
I agree with the comments left here. FAFSA is not required but there may be scholarships that utilize FAFSA. Since it is free it is recommended that students complete the application as well as other options such as work study.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Julie Watson • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 11:29 • Allowed
I agree with the comments left here. FAFSA is not required but there may be scholarships that utilize FAFSA. Since it is free it is recommended that students complete the application as well as other options such as work study.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Danielle- MCC • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:22 • Allowed

It isn't necessary, but we suggest that they still fill it out just in case. They may qualify for Grant or work study funds. It's also a useful tool for need if a student is applying for need based scholarships.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:23 • Allowed

FAFSA is strongly encouraged at MSU, however, is not an absolute necessity to apply. We have several students and families that choose not to submit FAFSA, which is their decision to do. I typically encourage students and families to submit it at least once to see what they may receive, but it is not required by any stretch.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 15:18 • Allowed

Montana Western strongly encourages it but we do not require it. Please do remember that there are some scholarships out there that have a financial need requirement and if a student does not submit a FAFSA we cannot determine financial need.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Nicole Berg • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 15:27 • Allowed

Gallatin College strongly encourages filling out the FAFSA because we have many scholarships that require a FAFSA to be on file (not that they must use financial aid to receive the scholarship).

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Morgan Ray • Allowed on 24 Oct 2019, 17:14 • Allowed

**I will echo the above. Although not required, we do strongly encourage it since some of or scholarships are need based.
- Morgan with FVCC**

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 10:51 • Allowed

University of Montana and Missoula College strongly encourage students to complete the FAFSA but it is not a requirement.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 10:20 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

How are the colleges/universities going to handle the changes to ACT coming in 2020 where students will be able to "retake" individual sections of the ACT? Will you be "super scoring" the scores?

4 Comments:

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:45 • Allowed

Great question! Yes, the University of Montana and Missoula College super score right now and are ready for the new "retake" option. Thanks for asking!

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Great Falls College MSU • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:53 •

Allowed

At Great Falls College MSU we only use ACT scores for placement. As such, we will simply use the higher score for the students placement.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Trevor Belnap • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:58 • Allowed

Montana State University Billings and City College will also super score. Similar to GFC, City College only uses ACT scores for Placement.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:08 • Allowed

Montana Western will use the higher individual score for acceptance and placement but we do not calculate a new composite score.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

RMC does not superscore ACT.

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VOTES

Carol Perisho • 23 Oct 2019 14:18 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

I am getting mixed messages about various DC courses, specifically Writ 101, only being accepted at the 2 year campuses, not MSU or MU...can you clarify?

5 Comments:

Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:21 • Allowed

I have received the same messages...would like some

clarification from MSU Bozeman and UM on this also.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:32 • Allowed

I just double checked with our Assistant Director of Application Processing at MSU and as long as a student has a C- or better in WRIT101 from an MUS institution, they will receive credit at MSU for WRIT101. We do require a transcript from the college/university for credit so high schools need to make sure that students are requesting transcripts from the colleges. Hope that helps!

3 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:33 • Allowed

I should add quickly, it is not just MUS institutions that we will accept dual credit from, but any accredited institutions! My apologies for leaving that out.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Erin Niedege • Allowed on 24 Oct 2019, 14:56 • Allowed

From the perspective of a two year campus that enrolls large numbers of concurrent and early start enrollment students, I would echo Mike in saying that it is especially important to remind your students to request an official transcript from the institution where they earned college credit. Whenever we have fielded inquiries from students and families claiming that a four year campus did not give them credit for the college class they took, it is almost always because they have only sent their high school transcript, which, while it may indicate that it was an honors course or was dual credit eligible, does not allow the receiving institution to award the transfer credit in the same way an official college transcript does.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Anonymous • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 10:50 • Allowed

Great question. At University of Montana, we accept any credit from accredited institutions of higher education taken either at DU or as transfer credit. We do require that the student submits official transcript(s) from any institution that they have attempted college credit through. Just as with MSU a C- or better in WRIT101 will cover the WRIT101 course.

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 11:56 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

If a student qualifies for the MUS Honor Scholarship, are there any scholarships awarded by the college for them to have other costs covered like room and board?

5 Comments:

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:03 • Allowed

Great question! Some of our MUS Honors Scholarship awardees who apply and are awarded the DHC PLS scholarship will have a stipend put towards room and board.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:06 • Allowed

Thank you for responding UM!

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:30 • Allowed

Students who are awarded an MUS scholarship are eligible for additional Montana Western scholarships that can be used towards fees and room and board. They just need to make sure they submit a scholarship application.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Trevor Belnap • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:54 • Allowed

MSUB and City College also can award additional dollars to MUS Honors Scholars based on their completion of the MSUBillings Scholarship application just like any other incoming student. However, there are no specific dollars set aside to cover Room and Board for Honors scholars.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:26 • Allowed

Students at MSU that receive the MUS are absolutely able to get additional awards. Students can and should still apply for the Presidential Scholarship at MSU, departmental scholarships and any local scholarships that can be used towards additional costs. Also, MSU typically adds an additional scholarship to MUS awardees that have received a MSU Premier Scholarship that can be used on top of the MUS.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

RMC does not honor MUS scholarships. We are a private institution.

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VOTES

Anonymous • 22 Oct 2019 12:48 • ✓ ANSWERED

What is the minimum SAT and/or ACT score you require for admission? How does a student's score effect scholarship potentials? Healey Glessner | Valley Christian School

Answer ratings **Very Good**



12 Comments:

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:45 • Allowed

Montana Western is the same as MSU, Billings, and UM. Montana Western does offer 2 year programs for students that might not meet the 4 year requirements. Students that start in the two year program can work their way into a 4 year program if that is their goal.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Morgan Ray • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:14 • Allowed

FVCC does not have minimum score requirements, but we do use them for placement in conjunction with a student's high school grades.

We offer a variety of scholarships, and some of those are attached to certain scores. Our single scholarship application allows a student to be placed into the "pot" for any of the scholarships they may qualify for.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:57 • Allowed

RMC does require an ACT or SAT...
ACT/SAT score of 21/1060 or higher.
We take a combination of test score and gpa to determine merit scholarship.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Audrey Blood • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:14 • Allowed

SKC does not require an ACT or SAT for admission. However, the 4 year BSN program starting in the Fall 2020 will require a national standardized test that is to be determined.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Danielle- MCC • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:25 • Allowed

Miles Community College is open admissions, we can use the ACT/SAT scores for placement into Math and Writing courses.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Great Falls College MSU • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 09:20 •

Allowed

Great Falls College MSU does not have a minimum score requirement. We use the ACT/SAT as placement into math and writing courses. The ACT/SAT scores do not affect any of our current in-house scholarships but may have some effect on independent or private scholarships.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 09:48 • Allowed

For the Public Four Year MUS schools a student needs either a 2.5 cumulative unweighted GPA or 1120 on the SAT or a 22 ACT or graduate in the top 50% of their graduating class. At UM, the students GPA and test scores (which can be superscored) are used for incoming student merit scholarships.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Trevor Belnap • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:11 • Allowed

I echo Emily's comments above. MSU Billings also uses these for scholarships and to assist with class placement.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Dawson Community College • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:15 •

Allowed

Dawson Community College does not have minimum score requirements for admission. However, we use ACT/SAT as placement into Math and Writing courses. Students can choose to take the Accuplacer as a Math/Writing placement in lieu of ACT or SAT, though.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Nicole Berg • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:16 • Allowed

Gallatin College does not require an ACT or SAT score for Admission.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Maggie Lynd • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:33 • Allowed

At University of Providence we require scores be submitted for scholarship and athletic eligibility, however we do not weigh them heavily as we look at the student for admissions as a whole person.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:35 • Allowed

MSU in Bozeman is the same as Billings and UM when it comes to admissions requirements and also GPA/test scores helping students get better merit scholarships the higher their credentials.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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Katie S. • 23 Oct 2019 11:18 • ✓ ANSWERED

Do you offer any full ride scholarships?

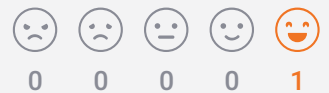
1 Comments:

Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:34 • Allowed

It depends upon the student circumstance. Rarely, but at times students can qualify for merit and/or athletic scholarships OR merit and/or need based aid that may combine to prove a full tuition benefit.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Answer ratings **Very Good**



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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:48 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

What about students with parents who have not filed their 2018 taxes? I was with a student yesterday trying to help her and we weren't sure what to do on that.

3 Comments:

Julie Watson • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 11:49 • Allowed

I am going by how Montana State is approaching. Other schools may approach differently, so as Danielle mentioned, check with the school: You can complete the FAFSA with a will file and input the 2018 tax information to the best of their knowledge. Once taxes are filed, then to go back into the FAFSA and update using the DRT (IRS data retrieval) or there is the possibility that the student gets selected for verification and if so will need to provide tax return transcripts to the financial aid office if they did not use the data retrieval. So, if an extension was filed, go ahead and complete the FAFSA to get the priority date and then update. If family is not required, they will mark the FAFSA accordingly and if selected for verification will need to provide a letter of non-filing status.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:04 • Allowed

Great question. My understanding is that the family must file their 2018 taxes or they must have the certification from the IRS that the family was not required to file in 2018.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Danielle- MCC • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:31 • Allowed

If a family hasn't filed, they must be able to document that either an extension of filing has been completed or that they are not required to file. It is best to work directly with the school that they student is planning to attend to see how that school wants they student to proceed.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:24 • ✓ ANSWERED

@Missoula College, how long does it take for admission apps to be processed? I had a couple students apply to MC during College App Week but haven't heard back regarding their apps.

Answer ratings **Very Good**



2 Comments:

Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:26 • Allowed

I am curious about this as well.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:28 • Allowed

Great question. Generally it take 2-3 weeks. Please feel free to email me directly at emily.steger@mso.umt.edu and I can provide you an update on any specific students.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:17 • ✓ ANSWERED

If a student qualifies for the MUS Honor Scholarship, are there any scholarships awarded by the college for them to have other costs covered like room and board?

No answer ratings

1 Comments:

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:33 • Allowed

Great question! At the University of Montana, some MUS Honors Students apply and are admitted to the DHC as a Presidential Leadership Scholarship which would include a room and board stipend.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 22 Oct 2019 09:18 • ✓ ANSWERED

What is your priority Financial Aid deadline?

No answer ratings

14 Comments:

Nicole Berg • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:43 • Allowed

Gallatin College's priority date is December 1st (same as MSU) but will continue to accept FAFSA after that date as well.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:46 • Allowed

Montana Western's is December 1.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Sarah • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:07 • Allowed

Helena College's priority date is December 1st, but we accept throughout the year.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Laurie Rodriguez • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:36 • Allowed

The priority deadline for Financial Aid at Carroll College is December 1

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Bo Bettinson • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:54 • Allowed

Feb. 7th at MSU-Northern.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Julie Watson • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 12:03 • Allowed

MSU-Bozeman for the most part uses the December 1st priority date for FAFSA submission. But the sooner the better on any application process from FAFSA to scholarships.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Shannon Ryan • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:07 • Allowed

RMC does not have a financial aid deadline.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Audrey Blood • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:17 • Allowed

SKC does not have an official financial aid deadline. However, students will want to have FAFSA done the sooner the better with regards to suggested dates by FAFSA. Our scholarships available do depend on financial need so students will want FAFSA completed prior to applying to SKC. Chastity Wagner would be a good contact at SKC regarding financial aid questions.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Erin Niedege • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:00 • Allowed

The Miles Community College priority deadline is December 1, but we continue to accept them throughout the year.

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Great Falls College MSU • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 09:34 •

Allowed

We do not have a priority deadline for Financial Aid. Since we are now doing the 8 week advantage we offer 5 separate application dates and students are able to complete their FAFSA for any of them.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 09:49 • Allowed

We suggest sooner is better! At UM and MC it is Dec. 1st for priority awarding but accept throughout the year.

(Edited)

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Trevor Belnap • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:10 • Allowed

The priority date at MSU Billings and City College is December 1st

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Morgan Ray • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:13 • Allowed

Dec 1st for FAFSA priority and Feb 15th. for scholarship priority. Students are able to complete and submit either after the dates, and we will work on packaging and awarding them as well. -Morgan at FVCC

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:36 • Allowed

MSU's priority date is December 1st, but we will absolutely continue to take a student's FAFSA past that date.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Healey Glessner • 23 Oct 2019 14:13 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

How do I start a dual enrollment course that is taught in my high school?

4 Comments:

Danielle- MCC • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:18 • Allowed

Contact the University or College closest to your location, and ask to speak with the person in charge of concurrent enrollment. They will be able to give you the details of what is need to start those classes.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Great Falls College MSU • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:20 •

Allowed

Hi Healey,

To get a concurrent class started at your school from Great Falls College MSU, you would want to contact Dena Wagner-Fossen (our Registrar) at 406.771.4312.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 15:21 • Allowed

Montana Western does offer dual enrollment courses and if you would like to see what options are available you would want to contact Ryann Gibson on our campus. You can contact her by call 406-683-7331.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Morgan Ray • Allowed on 24 Oct 2019, 17:18 • Allowed

For an FVCC dual enrollment course you will want to contact Beth Romain, our Running Start Coordinator, and she will be able to guide you through the steps. You can email her at eromain@fvcc.edu or call 406-756-3923

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Katie S. • 23 Oct 2019 11:01 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

What is super scoring?

2 Comments:

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:05 • Allowed

Great question, Katie! Super scoring is the ability for a student who has taken either the ACT or SAT multiple times, to send in all of their scores and schools like UM will combine the students highest subject score to create a new composite. I hope this helps!

2 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Katie S. • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:15 • Allowed

Are you the only school in Montana who does super scoring?

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 24 Oct 2019 14:56 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

MSU Billings | Are your career exploration days open to High School Freshmen and Sophomores? Teresa Majerus | Fergus HS

1 Comments:

Trevor Belnap • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 16:00 • Allowed

Hi Teresa, Yes our visit days are open to high school students of any age. The only limitation would be that students need to be at least 15 to stay the night in the residence halls.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 14:02 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

@Reach Higher MT, just curious as to what prompted your change in focus for your organization?

At the direction of our board of directors, Reach Higher Montana embarked on an extensive strategic planning process that started in 2016, culminating in the new strategic plan to guide our services for FYs 20-25. As a small nonprofit with limited staff, our change in direction was made to better utilize our limited resources. Over the last several years, we have invested significant resources providing in-person FAFSA support, and attendance at these events has decreased as families have realized the process is much simpler than it used to be, and they can most likely complete the FAFSA on their own. While we no longer have the resources to support in-person FAFSA assistance, we can offer the following support:

- FAFSA instructions cards sent to you, free of charge. These can be distributed to your students and families to help them complete the FAFSA on their own. If you have not received these yet, please let Marti Johnson (mjohnson@reachhighermontana.org) know how many you need and we'll get them in the mail right away.
- FAFSA completion resources on our website: <https://www.reachhighermontana.org/we-can-help/educator-resources>. We look forward to continued work together to assist Montana students on their paths to success in education, career, and life.

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:23 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

I have students that are asking about ROTC. Can they participate in ROTC at UM or at MSU while attending Missoula College or Gallatin College??

2 Comments:

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:27 • Allowed
Great question. At UM, our ROTC Army program works with students seeking a four year degree. If a student is interested in starting at Missoula College and then going to UM they should talk directly to UM ROTC to work out the pathway for participation.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:47 • Allowed
Both Air Force and Army ROTC at MSU also require a student be enrolled at the main MSU campus in order to participate in ROTC. If a student would like to start at GC and want to eventually get a four year degree from MSU, they can reach out too our ROTC programs directly to help get a pathway set up for the future.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Angela Hirt • 23 Oct 2019 10:28 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

We have switched from Naviance for document submission to SCOIR. Can you as colleges sign up soon to accept documents this way?

2 Comments:

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:44 • Allowed
Hi Angela! Thank you for this reminder. I am working with SCOIR to learn more about what the costs are for the Universities to join. I have a call with them in the next couple weeks but I am hoping to get on SCOIR soon!

1 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:58 • Allowed
HI! Montana State in Bozeman is already signed up/getting final transcripts (we only need finals) via SCOIR. Ronda





0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 10:29 • ✓ ANSWERED

What was Western's outdoor management degree? Is it outdoor recreation?

Answer ratings **Very Good**

				
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1 Comments:

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:41 • Allowed

We have several outdoor degrees. We have 4 year degrees in Environmental Science, Environmental Sustainability and Ecology. The new minors that we added to our Business Administration degree are a Farm and Ranch Operations minor for students interested in ag and a Sustainable Backcountry Fish and Wildlife Enterprise Management minor for students that would like to start their own guide business.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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VOTES

Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 10:32 • ✓ ANSWERED

With Northern's Merit based scholarship- what is first criteria? I have a student attending next year who's Gpa is 3.9 and ACT composite is 22. Which scholarship would they receive?

No answer ratings

1 Comments:

Bo Bettinson • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:04 • Allowed

Your student would be in Level 2 which is the \$1,500.

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 14:07 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

For those colleges that participate in CAW with a deferred fee, can you provide clarification on why you offer a deferment versus a waiver? It would nice for all colleges to offer the waiver.

4 Comments:

Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:11 • Allowed

Great question. The Montana Board of Regents requires a \$30 application fee for all applicants. Due to this requirement University of Montana and Missoula College are able to defer the application fee until a student enrolls at UM or MC but we are not able to complete waive.

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Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:13 • Allowed

@Emily, how can other schools offer a waiver? Do they not fall under the Board of Regents?

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Anonymous • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:24 • Allowed

I appreciate that UM and Missoula College process the application and allow students to wait and pay later if they enroll. MSU won't process the application without the payment.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 14:38 • Allowed

MSU and Gallatin College both process applications without the application fee during College Application Week as we also defer it until a student's tuition bill is due if they choose to enroll at MSU. If you ever have a student or family that is struggling to pay the application fee at any point throughout the year, please reach out to us directly as we will work to defer the fee at any point. Students may have received an email saying that we need the application fee during CAW, but that can be ignored as that is an automated email from our system as it cannot differentiate between in-state and out-of-state students during CAW.

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Katie S. • 23 Oct 2019 10:34 • ✓ ANSWERED

University of Montana Western, how do you pick the 5 students for the chancellor scholarship?

Answer ratings

Good



1 Comments:

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 10:38 • Allowed

We will first identify students when they submit the scholarship application. If they meet the GPA and ACT/SAT requirement we will rank them using a scoring system similar to the MUS Honors Scholarship.

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:27 • ✓ ANSWERED

Is the application the same for Gallatin College and MSU? How do students specify they want to go to Gallatin and not MSU on the application?

No answer ratings

1 Comments:

Mike Ouert • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 15:08 • Allowed

We do have separate applications for MSU and GC. Students that wish to apply to Gallatin College apply directly to them via the application at <https://www.msuadmissions.org/gallatin/>. Students apply to MSU directly at <https://www.msuadmissions.org/application/>. If a student wishes to take classes through both MSU and Gallatin College at the same time, they must apply to MSU and have that program listed as their major and reach out to Gallatin College directly to potentially enroll in GC courses. Hope that helps!

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 11:42 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

What are the requirements for the different Merit Scholarships?

First-Year Student Merit Scholarships

First-year students who have applied and been accepted to RMC are automatically considered for one of the following scholarships based on official high school transcripts and test scores.

First-Year Merit Scholarship Levels

Founder's Merit Award: \$17,000/year

Trustee Merit Award: \$15,000/year

Presidential Merit Award: \$13,000/year

Dean's Merit Award: \$11,000/year

RMC Merit Award \$9,000/year

Transfer Student Merit Scholarships

Transfers who have applied and been accepted are automatically considered for one of the following merit scholarships based on grade point average of previous college work. Scholarships apply to those students working on their first bachelor's degree.

Transfer Student Merit Scholarship Levels

Trustee: 3.50 to 4.00 GPA \$12,000/year

Presidential: 3.00 to 3.49 GPA \$11,000/year

Dean's: 2.50 to 2.99 GPA \$8,000/year

RMC Grant: 2.00 to 2.49 GPA \$5,000/year

RMC offers visit days open to all students..

Preview Days

RMC Preview Days are an opportunity for prospective students to explore what the College has to offer as well as ask questions about the admission process. The schedule includes a campus tour and a mock class, as well as a parent presentation about student life and academics. For students interested in aviation or equestrian studies, you will get a chance to see the respective facilities and meet with a professor. The 2019-2020 Preview Days are:

- Saturday, November 9, 2019
- Friday, January 31, 2020
- Friday, February 21, 2020

We also offer individual visits as well and some Saturday visits.

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 11:42 • ✓ ANSWERED
Can Freshman and Sophomores attend the degree exploration days at the MSU-Billings campus?

No answer ratings

1 Comments:

Trevor Belnap • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:50 • Allowed
Absolutely! We will have certain scholarships that day only open to seniors, but younger students are welcome to come and learn more (and then come back their senior year for that scholarship). For the overnight stay, we do have a minimum age of 15, so younger students could still take part in the day, but would not be able to stay the night on campus. Hope this helps!

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:16 • ✓ ANSWERED
@Great Falls College, where can I learn more about your welding cohort? What classes do students take in high school to earn the certificate?

No answer ratings

1 Comments:

Great Falls College MSU • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:38 • Allowed
You can learn more about the welding program in our academic calendar on our website or by reaching out to the Admissions department (406.268.3700). If you would like specific information about our Dual Enrollment Welding cohort you can reach out to dugan.coburn@gfcmsu.edu. He can answer any specific questions you might have.

Students in Great Falls can take welding 101 at the high school to get prepared for the program. However, they are not able to take any of the cohort classes at the high school.

I'm not sure that fully answered your question, so please feel free to reach out to us at:
406.268.3700 or admissions@gfcmsu.edu.

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Emily Ferguson-Steger • 23 Oct 2019 14:09 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

Share MAFSAA Feedback - What would do you need to see for Financial Aid support: financial aid nights, financial aid assistance or questions (per Julie Watson - MASFAA) Thanks!

1 Comments:

Anonymous • Allowed on 24 Oct 2019, 14:53 • Allowed

I really loved having the support of the Reach Higher Montana representative when she would come out to my school and present at a College Information Night for students and parents, and then she would come back for FAFSA Completion Night and give individual assistance as the parents & students were filling out their FAFSAs. Parents and students always appreciate having an "expert" from out of town giving them the fact, and there are so many individual circumstances when filling out the FAFSA, it is nice to have someone on hand who can answer the specific questions. I also utilized their publications a great deal and now I don't have access to any of these things.

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 13:01 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

Can we talk about a veterinary tech program in MT? I am aware of the one offered on Western's campus, but it is not a Montana school. Are there any MT schools considering adding this degree?

2 Comments:

Trevor Belnap • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:06 • Allowed

At MSU Billings and City College, we are in the process of evaluating the need for new programs and hope to be bringing some new offerings within the next few years. I am not aware of Vet Tech being on the agenda, but never say never.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:14 • Allowed

Montana Western offers pre-vet but the vet tech program is through PIMA Medical Institute. There program is on Montana Western's campus but students do have to apply through PIMA. You can find information on the program by going to umwestern.edu and click on partners at the top right of the page.

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Katie S. • 23 Oct 2019 13:03 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

What does the job scene look like for students graduating with cyber security, etc?

2 Comments:

Anonymous • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 16:55 • Allowed

Thanks for the question and for your answer, Emily! The programs are very similar between Missoula College and Highlands College so the information provided below is spot on for Highlands as well!

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Emily Ferguson-Steger • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 13:08 • Allowed

The Cybersecurity Management Certificate through Missoula College is designed to provide students with the technical and management skills necessary to work in the Cybersecurity field. Students will use Cybersecurity skills as a consultant or as an employee helping an organization to develop and implement a Cybersecurity program or respond to security incidents. Students will explore a variety of knowledge areas of Cybersecurity Management and apply that knowledge in a project in the capstone course. The curriculum is based on the Core Knowledge Units developed by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Students will gain skills in programming; networking technology & protocols; databases & analytics; probability & statistics; policy, legal, ethics, and compliance; cybersecurity fundamentals & practices, and cybersecurity management & planning.

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 10:54 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

I see UM Superscores the ACT and I know MSU does not. Can the other colleges weigh in on this?

3 Comments:

Matt Allen • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:09 • Allowed

Montana Western will use the higher individual score for acceptance and placement but we do not calculate a new composite score.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Laurie Rodriguez • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 11:35 • Allowed

Carroll College does not accept super-scores.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

Anonymous • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 16:56 • Allowed

Montana Tech uses the highest of any individual score.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

RMC does not superscore ACT.

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 11:58 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

What's the total enrollment of SKC?

1 Comments:

Audrey Blood • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:02 • Allowed

Total student enrollment currently is 801 students.

0 Upvotes | 0 Downvotes

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 11:03 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

Any upcoming preview days for MSU-Northern? Or should prospective students schedule an individual tour M-F?

1 Comments:

Bo Bettinson • Allowed on 23 Oct 2019, 12:01 • Allowed

We do not have any preview days. An individual tour is the best way for students to come check campus out. If a student would like anything specific, ie. sitting in in a class, we can accommodate pretty much any request. Please let me know if you need anything

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Anonymous • 23 Oct 2019 14:01 • ✓ ANSWERED

No answer ratings

Question for OPI GEMS- when will the FAFSA completion report be available for this school year?

1 Comments:

Anonymous • Allowed on 25 Oct 2019, 11:53 • Allowed

**This afternoon. We will be updating the FAFSA twice weekly.
Data will be updated on Tues and Thurs.**

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