

PREPARE FOR THE COLLEGE FAIR!

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!

We are celebrating 29 years of helping students connect to so many amazing options after high school. Join us for another year of Montana College Fairs!

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COLLEGE FAIR

College Fairs can be overwhelming...a lot of noise, people clustering around tables, filling out cards, leafing through brochures, and competing for the attention of admission representatives. It's easy to get caught up in the crowds, fun, and confusion. It's also just as easy to stop at every booth that catches your eye or seems popular. When that happens, you end up with a lot of pretty brochures, but not a good idea of which colleges you may be interested in. It pays to be prepared before the college fair!

FIND A DETAILED SCHEDULE OF THE MONTANA COLLEGE FAIRS ONLINE

To see a detailed schedule of all 18 Montana College Fairs in September, visit us online @

www.MontanaColleges.com/schedule.pdf

BEFORE THE FAIR

- › Visit: www.MontanaColleges.com
See full profiles of many of the colleges attending this year's fairs.
 - › Check out the online Guide Book for further details and tips about your options after high school. This will help you prepare for the fair! Discuss your college plans with your guidance counselor, family, teachers, and friends.
 - › Research your colleges of interest on the Internet, on our website, and in your guidance counselor's office.
 - › REGISTER ONLINE Before The Fair!
Visit: www.MontanaColleges.com to register and print your bar code.
- › Do make a list of the colleges you want to find out more about.
 - › Do research the colleges you like by checking out their brochures & websites.
 - › Do think of some good questions to ask.
 - › Do map out a strategy for the fair (have some paper and a pen to take notes or bring a copy of the "College Comparison Worksheet" in this Guide Book.
 - › Do team up. If you can bring your parents to the fair, they can be a big help because they will often ask different questions than you would have thought of.
 - › Do leave some time for browsing. You may find that you are interested in somewhere you had not thought about.

AT THE FAIR

- › Pick up a bag and a fair directory at the entrance! Bring your Bar Code!
- › Scan your Bar Code at the fair entrance for a chance to win a \$1000 Scholarship.
- › Visit with colleges and universities which you feel meet your criteria.

COLLEGE FAIR Do's

- › Dress for success! Treat this college fair like a job interview. This is your first impression to the institution. It could make the difference in acceptance and scholarships.

- › Help keep Montana's student reputation STRONG! Show respect, be polite, and enjoy yourself!





COLLEGE FAIR DON'TS

- ⌞ Don't waste your time today! Remember when you are interviewing the colleges for the right fit, they are also interviewing you and taking notes for admission / scholarship potential. Use this time wisely to impress!
- ⌞ Don't be rude to the colleges! You represent Montana, your school, and yourself. These colleges will remember you, and it may mean an extra scholarship if you take this seriously and are respectful, polite, and well-mannered!
- ⌞ Don't go to the fair without a plan and some idea of the types of colleges that will be at the fair.
- ⌞ Don't collect every brochure available at the fair; but instead, be selective in what you choose based on what you will actually use and look at later.
- ⌞ Don't just follow your friends around to the tables they want to visit. Be adventurous! Have fun!
- ⌞ Don't sit outside the fair unless you have seen everything you need to see.
- ⌞ Don't just let the brochures and info pile upon the floor of your bedroom.

REPRESENT MONTANA & YOUR HIGH SCHOOL WITH CLASS!

You are representing Montana! Your attitude and representation at the Fair could encourage a college to come back again next year or also cause them to never want to come back to visit Montana high schools. Thank you for being

courteous and respectful to the representatives at the college fair.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Each fair will have an opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship for any institution you would like to attend. You must register online before the fair, print the bar code, bring the bar code to the fair to be scanned to be included in these scholarship opportunities. Register @ www.MontanaColleges.com.

QUESTIONS TO ASK AT THE COLLEGE FAIR

- ⌞ What are classes like in the major I am interested in?
- ⌞ What is your institution's specialty, or what makes your school unique?
- ⌞ How large is your campus and student population? How large is the surrounding community?
- ⌞ What is the typical size of the freshman class, and how difficult are first choice and core classes to get into?
- ⌞ What is the cost breakdown of your school and is financial aid available?
- ⌞ What kind of on-campus and off-campus living options are available?
- ⌞ What are the costs of housing and food services?
- ⌞ What extracurricular and club activities does your campus offer?
- ⌞ Do you provide career placement services for your graduates?

- ⌞ When do I need to apply for admission, financial aid, and scholarships?
- ⌞ How can I arrange for an on campus visit?

SHOW YOUR COLLEGE SPIRIT AND SUPPORT FOR MONTANA STUDENTS!

We are in our 8th year of celebrating September as "College Spirit/Pride Month" in Montana! Here is your chance for your high school, community, and beyond to celebrate and support your local students in their journey after high school. Wear your college gear the same week as the student's local college fair to show your support! Donate a dollar to the student scholarships or post your support on Facebook. To join this celebration and show your support of Montana students go to: www.SupportMontanaStudents.org.

REMIINDER: I REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE THE FAIR I PRINT YOUR BAR CODE

Do not forget to register before the fair @ www.MontanaColleges.com. Once you register you will then print the bar code to bring to the fair. This will get you into a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship and also save you lots of time since you won't have to fill out contact cards at each college table. See you at the fair in your area in September!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE FAIR!

