

2020 Scholarship

MONTANA FOOD DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION (MFDA)
Helena, MT 59604

The MFDA will award scholarships during 2020 from the MFDA.

After reviewing the **Judging Criteria** below, sponsors are advised to follow closely the **Application Guideline**. Competition is so keen that the manner in which 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 five (0-10). Student with the top three criteria ratings win the scholarships.

Award Criteria are as follows:

- **AGE**- Students entering post-secondary education the 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 a Montana College rate (10) higher than those who are attending out of state schools.
- **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 aren't.
- **SPONSOR'S WORKPLACE**-Applicants with sponsor(s) working at MFDA member businesses (10) rate above those who don't.

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 haven't. 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.

