

Scholarships under Montana SGO

How scholarships are awarded through Montana's Student Scholarship Organization program

**1**

Student Applies to an SSO

Eligible Montana resident students may apply through the Student Scholarship Organization's own application process.

**2**

Eligibility Is Reviewed

SSOs review applications under their scholarship policies. Eligible students are generally Montana residents age 5 to 19.

**3**

Scholarship Is Approved

The SSO decides whether to approve or deny the application and determines the scholarship award amount.

**4**

Parent Chooses the Provider

The parent or legal guardian chooses the qualified education provider. The SSO cannot choose the school for the family.

**5**

Payment Goes to the Provider

Once approved, the SSO sends the scholarship payment to the qualified education provider on behalf of the student.

**6**

Student Uses the Scholarship

The scholarship helps the student attend the selected qualified education provider.

Key Award Rules



Students must be Montana residents



Age range: 5 to 19



Parents choose the qualified education provider



Scholarships go to the provider, not directly to the family



Scholarship amount may not exceed the statutory per-pupil public expenditure limit

Important Reminders



Each SSO maintains its own scholarship application process



At least 90% of eligible donations must go to scholarships



Qualified education providers receive the scholarship on behalf of approved students



Scholarship choice belongs to the parent or legal guardian



Apply



Review



Approval



Choose Provider



Payment to Provider



Student Benefit