



Recruiting and retaining good, quality educators in rural schools is a significant problem in Montana. To help draw good educators to schools struggling to hire and retain teachers, each year BroadbandMT will award one \$2,000 scholarship to a current or incoming educator who commits to teaching for three consecutive years in eligible schools in Montana. The scholarship will be renewed for two additional years - for a total of \$6,000 over three years for each winning educator.

Application Process

1. Letter of interest that includes the following:

For current and incoming teachers – introduce yourself and your area of study. Explain what influenced your decision to become a teacher and convey why you currently teach or want to teach in a rural community. Would a \$2,000 annual scholarship for three years encourage you to stay in your community for the next three years? Add any other qualifications or interests that you think we should know about you: have you held any positions of leadership? Received any awards? Participated in group activities or community service?

2. Letter of Recommendation:

Please include one letter of recommendation from your principal or other administrator if you are a current teacher, or someone related to your study of education if you are an incoming teacher.

3. Contact Information:

Remember to provide your contact information in your letter of interest (address, phone, and email) and sign your letter.

Deadline

The completed application must be emailed or mailed to the address below by **March 15, 2026**. Selection will be made by the end of April, and you will be contacted either way.

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