High School Healthcare Scholarships

Foundation for Community Health
Every year when reviewing applications, I take considerable pride reading the submitted essays. Each essay reveals greater depth of human emotion and understanding that numbers alone cannot adequately capture or represent. In reading this year’s essays, I was continuously impressed with not only the drive, tenacity, toughness, and mental resilience relayed through your personal stories and testaments, but also your commitment to kindness, diversity of thought, and volunteer spirit.

Adherence to these attributes is made especially more significant given the COVID-related challenges of the past year. While the power of these attributes may not yet be fully realized; understanding and utilizing them will be an invaluable tool in your personal, academic, and professional progression for years to come. Importantly, they will help you open doors and will inspire others as you change the world.

As you move forward in life, remember to reflect on these words as you encounter the many crossroads of life’s decisions. Transform obstacles into opportunities, spread the volunteer spirit, and above all, work with others to make our world a better place. You have been forged and tested through the trials and tribulations over the past year, a year like none in recent memory and you have come out the other side stronger and better prepared. Now it is time for you to take the next step. I wish you the best on your journey.

— Char Gatlin
Board Vice Chair & Education Committee Chair

Haley Bender, Hamilton High School
Donors: Missoula Family Medicine and Amy & Tom Frandsen
• Will attend University of Alabama
• Plans to study biology and become a physician’s assistant in emergency care
• Will enjoy the beautiful Montana wilderness and explore the historical south this summer

McKenzie Brownlee, Stevensville High School
Charlotte Whitehead Scholarship
• Will attend Missoula College
• Plans to study nursing
• Will spend the summer working at the Living Centre, visiting family in Oregon, and enjoying time with friends

Beckett Arthur, Hellgate High School
Donors: Garrick & Sandra Simmons
• Will attend and play soccer at Whitworth University
• Plans to study pre-physical therapy and athletic training
• Will continue playing soccer with Missoula Strikers and work to earn money for college and car repairs this summer

Tyler Burrows, Hamilton High School
Donors: Stock Farm Greater Ravalli Foundation and FCH Trustees
• Will attend Bucknell University
• Plans to study biomedical engineering
• Will continue his internship at a chiropractic clinic or pursue another internship or job shadow opportunity this summer while working
Grace Denman, Big Sky High School
Donors: Larry & Kristin Stayner Family
• Will attend University of Montana
• Plans to study psychology or health and human performance
• Will spend the summer working at Missoula Country Club and making lasting memories with her friends

Olivia Fitchner, Big Sky High School
Donors: Susan Muralt and the Ty Robinson Family Endowment
• Will attend Gonzaga University
• Plans to study nursing with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner
• Will spend the summer working and enjoying the beautiful Montana summer

Bethany Heisey, Loyola Sacred Heart High School
Donors: Rocky Mountain Surgical Solutions P.C. and Tim & Tonda Richards
• Will attend University of Montana
• Plans to study healthcare and become a physician’s assistant
• Will spend the summer working as a house painter

Shawn Huseby, Big Sky High School
Donors: Diane & Jeff LaPorte and Jim & Michel Salisbury
• Will attend Montana State University
• Plans to study pre-medicine
• Will spend the summer working as a wildland firefighter or as a nursing assistant in a nursing home or hospital

Addie Rohlman, Corvallis High School
Donor: Monida Healthcare Network
• Will attend Montana State University
• Plans to study medical laboratory science and Hispanic studies
• Will spend her summer working to save money for college and enjoying the great Montana outdoors

Premier Recipient

Bethany Hoag, Seeley-Swan High School
Donors: Dr. Michael & Melissa Woods
• Will attend Southern Utah University
• Plans to study athletic training and physical therapy
• Will spend the summer working at Double Arrow Golf to earn money for college
Lauren Sheehan, Loyola Sacred Heart High School  
Donors: Char Gatlin & Ariana Del Negro  
• Will attend University of Montana in the Davidson Honors College  
• Plans to study biology and pre-medicine and pursue an Army ROTC career  
• Will work and spend time outdoors this summer while training for ROTC

Bella Sidoruk, Big Sky High School  
Donors: Patricia & Chuck Douglas Endowment  
• Will attend Tufts University  
• Plans to study cognitive and brain sciences and clinical psychology  
• Will spend the summer with family before starting school

Madison Sims, Stevensville High School  
Donors: Michael & Dani Stewart and Dr. John & Nora Evert Endowment  
• Will attend University of Montana  
• Plans to study health and medicine and become a radiology technician or surgical technician  
• Will work and save money for college this summer

Shelby Smith, Frenchtown High School  
Donors: FCH Trustees  
• Will attend Montana State University  
• Plans to study food and nutrition with the goal of becoming a registered dietician  
• Will work as a painter, show her 4-H pig at the Western Montana Fair, and move to Bozeman this summer

John Toney, Hellgate High School  
Donors: Meng Dentistry, PLLC and Vince & Sue Meng  
• Will attend Montana State University  
• Plans to study cell biology and neuroscience and pursue a medical degree  
• Will take an EMT certification course and serve his community this summer

Rowan Welch, Sentinel High School  
Donors: Dr. Rebecca & Carl Anderson and FCH Donors  
• Will attend Montana State University  
• Plans to study psychology and pre-medicine with hopes to practice rural medicine in Montana  
• Will spend the summer hiking and biking the trails around Missoula
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