



MONTANA COFFEE TRADERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program is managed by the Whitefish Community Foundation, and will award two, \$1,000 scholarships in 2023:

- One, \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to an eligible Montana Coffee Traders employee, or to a child or legal dependent of a current employee
- One, \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to an eligible Flathead Valley resident

Montana Coffee Traders (MCT) has been roasting coffee in their vintage farmhouse just south of Whitefish since 1981. With a current team of over 115 people across four Flathead Valley locations, MCT strives to be a positive part of people's everyday lives. As the company continues to grow and evolve, MCT works to deepen roots in the local community and further develop a connection to coffee farmers around the world.

The MCT Scholarship online application opens Monday, February 27, 2023 and closes Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. MST. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants may access the application at www.whitefishcommunityfoundation.org; click "APPLY" on the top toolbar.

Awards will be announced by May 15, 2023 and successful graduating high school candidates will accept this scholarship at their high school awards ceremony.

The following requirements apply to the Montana Coffee Traders Scholarship Program and are incorporated by reference in the Whitefish Community Foundation Scholarship Fund Agreement:

One successful candidate for each scholarship will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Preference will be given to individuals with a proven history of community involvement/volunteerism, and a strong work ethic.
- Two letters of recommendation:
 - Submitted letter of recommendation from current or former teacher/professor/instructor written in the last two years (NOTE: Letter of recommendation will be uploaded by the person providing the reference, not by the applicant.)

- Submitted letter of recommendation from a current or former employer, or community involvement supervisor (NOTE: Letter of recommendation will be uploaded by the person providing the reference, not by the applicant.)
- Two essays written by the applicant addressing the following topics:
 - Special attribute(s) or accomplishment(s) setting the applicant apart
 - “Please explain what you believe you are capable of achieving once you have earned your college degree. You may explain this in terms of your life goals, career goals and/or goals within your community.”

REQUIREMENTS FOR MONTANA COFFEE TRADERS EMPLOYEE, OR CHILD/LEGAL DEPENDENT OF CURRENT EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP:

- The applicant must have been employed by Montana Coffee Traders within the year prior to the date of the application, or must be a child or legal dependent of a current employee of Montana Coffee Traders.
- High School or current college G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher (high school or college transcripts must be provided).

REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT OF FLATHEAD VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP:

- Applicant is **not** required to be associated with Montana Coffee Traders, but this scholarship may be awarded to an eligible employee, or child of an eligible employee as defined above if the scholarship committee deems the applicant to be the best candidate.
- High School or current college G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher (High school or college transcripts must be provided.)

Please email or call Jill Seigmund at Whitefish Community Foundation with questions:
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