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To:  All MFDA Members
Re:  MFDA Scholarships

We are searching for High School Seniors or College Freshmen, sophomores or juniors who deserve a Montana Food Distributors Association (MFDA) Scholarship. Nominees should be associated with the Food Industry through either employment or family relationships within the Industry.

An attachable application is provided below for your convenience. Complete application and support material must be submitted to the MFDA (P.O. Box 5775, Helena, MT 59604) by March 14, 2016. We will be awarding MFDA Scholarships and will notify winners before the finish of the school year in June of 2016.

Attached is a listing of criteria upon which judging will be based. Also, an explanation follows on what should be included in a MFDA Scholarship application. Councilors should follow these guidelines closely. In past years, some students have gained a competitive edge because of the quality of their application package.

Questions may be directed to the MFDA office at 1-800-735-1082.

Sincerely,

Your MFDA Staff
Montana Food Distributors Association

2016 MFDA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Sponsor’s Name  Student’s Name

Company  Relationship to Sponsor

Street Address/P.O. Box  Street Address/P.O. Box

City  State  Zip  City  State  Zip

( )  Sponsor’s Phone Number  ( )  Student’s Phone Number

College Attending  Enrollment Date

Please attach a statement of 500 words or less explaining why the nominee merits a scholarship (e.g. need, scholastic achievements, leadership and other awards, extracurricular activities, etc.). Send application materials to: MFDA-P.O. Box 5775 –Helena, MT 59604. (For additional copies of application please photocopy).
2016 Scholarship

MONTANA FOOD DISTRIBUTORS ASSOCIATION (MFDA)
Helena, MT 59604

The MFDA will award scholarships during 2016 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 graduates 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 counselors 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 applicant’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.
Personal Information

First Name ___________________ MI ___ Last Name ____________________________

Social Security Number __________________________ Date of Birth ________________

Mailing and Contact Information

Address Line 1 ______________________________________________________________

Address Line 2 ______________________________________________________________

City ___________________ State _______________ Zip __________________________

Phone ___________________ E-Mail ____________________________________________

Financial Needs and Resources

Please provide information below for financial needs (for upcoming school year).

Tuition and Fees $ __________

Room and Board $ __________

Books and Supplies $ __________

Personal Requirements $ __________

Total: $ __________

Please provide information below for personal resources:

Anticipated summer earnings $ __________

Anticipated Personal Savings $ __________

Anticipated financial aid, loans and grants for Upcoming year, based on last year’s financial awards. $ __________

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Taxable income (yourself and parents)  
(As listed on last year's tax return)  $ ____________

Total Personal Resources:  $ ____________

Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name____________________________ Company ______________________

Address ________________________________________________________________

City ___________________ State ___________ Zip ___________

Phone ___________________ E-Mail ________________________________

Education

High School Name/County ________________________________________________

Date of Graduation ______________ GPA __________ SAT/ACT Score ______

College Attending _______________________________________________________

Intended Date of Enrollment ____________________________

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STUDENT RECIPIENT INFORMATION

Student Name__________________________________________________________

Student ID # ______________________

Phone __________________________ E-Mail ________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________

City _______________ State _______________ Zip ____________

RECIPIENT'S COLLEGE OR POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Accredited School Name ________________________________________________

Phone __________________________ Email ________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________

City _______________ State _______________ Zip ____________

Signature _____________________________________________________________ Date ________________

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