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## **70 Students Awarded *Youth Serve Montana Scholarships***

Students earn \$1,000 for college by giving 100 volunteer hours

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Helena, MT –The Governor’s Office of Community Service announced today that 70 Montana high school senior students from 62 schools are receiving a \$1,000 *Youth Serve Montana Scholarship*. These scholarships are in recognition of students who have volunteered more than 100 hours in the last year.

“These young leaders have shown a commitment to Montana through their service,” said Governor Brian Schweitzer. “We are happy to thank them by making it a little easier to pay for college.”

Visit [serve.mt.gov](http://serve.mt.gov) to find the list of scholarship recipients in your area.

These \$1,000 *Youth Serve Montana Scholarships* are for continued education at one of Montana Campus Compact’s twenty two-year, four-year, public, tribal, private, or community colleges and universities.

“The Youth Serve Montana Scholarships are a great way to honor Montana’s high school seniors who’ve dedicated their time to make a difference in their communities,” said Jan Lombardi, Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Community Service.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants needed to volunteer at least 100 hours in the last year. Many students volunteered more than this and in total, the 70 scholarship recipients contributed 11,705 volunteer hours to Montana. Students helped their communities by mentoring youth, organizing recycling drives, coaching sports teams, cleaning up parks, helping at food pantries, volunteering in hospitals, participating in 4-H service events, supporting Special Olympics, volunteering at museums, assisting with Red Cross blood drives, and so much more.

The 2012 *Youth Serve Montana Scholarships* have been made available through a partnership with the Governor’s Office of Community Service ([serve.mt.gov](http://serve.mt.gov)) and Montana Campus Compact ([mtcompact.org](http://mtcompact.org)), the largest higher education network in Montana. Montana Campus Compact includes 20 of Montana’s two-year, four-year, public, private, tribal, and community colleges and universities, with a state network office located in Missoula. The scholarships are administered by the Governor’s Office of Community Service.

The Governor's Office of Community Service expands and promotes national service and volunteerism in Montana and engages citizens in service and emergency preparedness.

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