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2013 Youth Serve Montana Scholarship Available to High School Seniors

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

HELENA, MT- The Governor's Office of Community Service, Montana Campus Compact, and Student Assistance Foundation announced today that the 2013 *Youth Serve Montana Scholarship* is now available for up to 100 Montana high school seniors. It is the eighth year for this exciting scholarship opportunity aimed at students dedicated to volunteering.

The *Youth Serve Montana Scholarship* rewards students who have volunteered over 100 hours in the last year and who want to further their education in state. This year, 100 high school seniors will receive \$1,000 toward continued education at one of Montana Campus Compact's public, tribal, private, or community colleges and universities.

"This is a great opportunity to recognize students who are committed to service and to giving back to their communities," said Governor Steve Bullock. "The Youth Serve Montana Scholarships honor these students' investment in our state and help them continue their education here in Montana."

The *Youth Serve Montana Scholarship* application form, guidelines, and FAQs can be found online at serve.mt.gov. Completed applications, proof of volunteer hours, confirmation of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and enrollment in a Montana post-secondary institution must be submitted to the Governor's Office of Community Service by April 15, 2013.

The 2013 *Youth Serve Montana Scholarships* have been made possible through support from the Governor's Office of Community Service, Montana Campus Compact, and Student Assistance Foundation.

"It is Student Assistance Foundation's honor to support the Youth Serve Montana Scholarship program," said Kelly Cresswell, vice president of Foundation Activities. "Commitment on the part of Montana students to giving back to their communities, combined with a desire to attain higher education, provides a strong foundation going forward for our state, and generations to come."

"My colleagues and I are proud to recognize civically engaged students," said Jane Karas, Ph.D., chair of Montana Campus Compact and president of Flathead Valley Community College. "These scholarships honor their commitment to their communities while helping them achieve their educational goals."

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

Montana Campus Compact is Montana's largest higher-education network and works to improve community life by educating students for civic and social responsibility. Visit www.mtcompact.org.

Student Assistance Foundation is a nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to pursue and fund their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants, scholarships and public benefit programs - to date totaling more than \$25 million. Visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.

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