

2019 Salute to Students Scholarship Application Guidelines

Due Tuesday, January 15, 2019 by 5:00pm

YWCA Salute to Students Finalists will receive a \$1,500 or a \$3,000 Scholarship for Fall 2019

Eligible Candidates

Women students in Yellowstone, Big Horn, Carbon, Custer, Musselshell, Rosebud and Stillwater Counties who meet the Criteria for Consideration, are enrolled in a degree program at any accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university, and who have not previously been awarded a Salute to Student Scholarship

Criteria for Consideration

1. Application and other required materials received at YWCA Billings by 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.
2. Two letters of recommendation and completed essays that demonstrate the student's dedication to the YWCA Mission to save and change lives through
 - Empowering women
 - Building strong families for a better community
 - Working for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all
3. A minimum 3.0 GPA (or Montana HiSET score equivalent) and a record of self-motivation and perseverance in the academic environment. Performance is based on the academic transcript and letters of recommendation.
4. An in-person interview for those selected as semi-finalists. Not all applicants will be interviewed.

Instructions to Applicants

1. Fill in the online application form, and remit it via email or mail with the other required materials including completed, written essays covering the designated topics.
2. Include two letters of recommendation
3. Include a transcript with ACT/SAT scores
4. Scan and email all the application materials to YWCA Billings at apply@ywcabillings.org or mail or hand deliver the materials to YWCA Billings, 909 Wyoming Avenue, Billings, MT 59101

Mail in time to assure that your materials are received by 5:00pm on January 15, 2019.

No exceptions will be granted and all decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

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YWCA Salute to Students Scholarship Application Essay

Selection criteria include but are not limited to academic success, community service, financial need, personal goals, and support of the YWCA mission statement.

Please respond to the questions in the spaces provided. Limit each answer to one page.

1. How have you demonstrated strength, perseverance, competence, and commitment in school, community, work and in your personal choices? What challenges have you overcome? What has been your greatest success, either in or out of school? Do you face financial or other obstacles?



YWCA Salute to Students Scholarship Application Essay

YWCA BILLINGS MISSION: YWCA Billings is dedicated to saving and changing lives. We improve the lives of women and children through programs that create significant, positive impact for our community and support YWCA USA's mission to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

What does the YWCA Billings Mission mean to you? How have you applied these ideals in the past? How do these ideals fit with your personal goals for the future?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their scholarship application essay.