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FOUR UM STUDENTS RECOMMENDED FOR FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

MISSOULA—

Four students at The University of Montana have been recommended for 1999-2000 Fulbright scholarships, which are prestigious grants for academic study abroad and for professional training in the creative and performing arts. The students are:

■ Camiel Becker, a senior psychology major from **Red Lodge**. Becker hopes to study in El Salvador.

■ Sara Gothard, a senior history major from **Missoula**. Gothard hopes to study in Austria.

■ Michael Kustudia, a native of **Thousand Oaks, Calif.**, who received a master's degree in environmental studies in 1997. Kustudia hopes to study in Chile.

■ Yael Livny, a senior English and German major from **Missoula**. She hopes to study in Germany.

Each student was notified by the Institute of International Education that they have been recommended by the various national screening committees for study abroad during the next academic year. Livny has been placed on an alternate list, but still may get to study in Germany if another student declines his or her award.

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The purpose of Fulbright scholarships is to increase mutual understanding between people in the United States and other countries through exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. Though they have been recommended by U.S. screening committees, students won't receive their grants until Fulbright committees in the host countries give approval.

Fulbright grants are funded under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, through an annual appropriation made by Congress to the U.S. Information Agency, and by foreign governments, universities, corporations and private donors. The grants are available for study and research.

The J. Williams Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, composed of 12 educational and public leaders appointed by the U.S. president, established criteria for the selection of candidates and has the final authority for awarding grants.

Full grants provide round-trip international travel, maintenance for the tenure of the award, a research allowance and, if applicable, tuition waivers. All applicants are required to have sufficient proficiency in the language of the host country to carry out their proposed study or research. In addition, applicants must be U.S. citizens and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the beginning of the grant.

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