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## Montana Committee for the Humanities

*An Affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities*

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### **DEADLINE NEARS FOR MCH MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

#### **MISSOULA—**

The deadline for receipt of applications for new members of the Montana Committee for the Humanities is Oct. 12. The committee has five vacancies, which will be filled at a Dec. 1-2 meeting in Dillon. Members whose terms expire in 2001 are from Bozeman, Deer Lodge, Great Falls, Kalispell and Lame Deer.

MCH is Montana's independent nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency that supports learning in history, literature, philosophy and other areas of the humanities. The organization funds research, education, museums, exhibitions, documentaries, preservation and other activities.

Since its founding in 1972, MCH's grants and services have served Montanans with thousands of public conferences, lectures, workshops, exhibits, the Montana Festival of the Book, a statewide speakers bureau, reading-discussion groups, publications, and research and scholarship, as well as television, radio, film and video productions.

The committee consists of 19 members who represent the humanities disciplines and institutions and the general public. The committee seeks balanced geographic, gender, ethnic and academic representation in its membership. Members serve four years.

The committee is a volunteer board; members serve without compensation but with

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expenses paid. The committee meets four times a year for two or three days per meeting. Meetings take place throughout the state. Members represent the committee, set policy, exercise fiduciary responsibility, assist with fund raising and development, employ the executive director, review project proposals, evaluate funded projects and promote awareness and appreciation of the committee's program to the general public, state leaders and the Montana Congressional delegation, among other duties.

Before each meeting members typically spend 10 to 12 hours reading and reviewing administrative and project proposals. Between meetings duties may include proposal and application review, project evaluation, letter writing and subcommittee assignments.

Both applications and nominations are invited. To be considered as a candidate, the committee must receive two letters of recommendation, a résumé and a letter indicating and explaining

the applicant's interest in service on the committee. Send such materials to Montana Committee for the Humanities, 311 Brantly Hall, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812-7848.

Applications and nominations remain current for three years. For more information regarding membership in MCH, call (406) 243-6022 or e-mail [lastbest@selway.umt.edu](mailto:lastbest@selway.umt.edu).

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