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EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES APPROACHING

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Outstanding students at The University of Montana are encouraged to apply for several national scholarship programs that currently are accepting applications.

Undergraduate students can apply for the following scholarships:

- The Goldwater Scholarship provides \$7,500 for students committed to careers in math, science or engineering. Students with one or two years of college remaining may apply. The UM deadline is Nov. 13. For more information, visit <http://www.act.org/goldwater>.
- The Udall Scholarship provides \$5,000 for students committed to careers related to the environment and to Native American students committed to careers in tribal public policy or Native health care. Students with one or two years of college remaining may apply. The UM deadline to apply for the Udall Scholarship is Dec. 1. For more information, visit <http://www.udall.gov>.
- The Amgen Scholars Program is an undergraduate research program in science and biotechnology. Sophomores, juniors and non-graduating seniors may apply. Interested students should start researching host universities now before the program's early spring deadline. For more information, visit <http://www.amgenscholars.com>.

Graduate students can apply for the following scholarships:

- The Truman Scholarship, for “change agents” – service-oriented leaders with good academic records. It requires application a year early; candidates apply as juniors. Students must demonstrate outstanding potential for public service and be committed to making a difference through careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, education or elsewhere in the field. Students write a policy proposal as part of their application. The UM deadline is Friday, Nov. 20. For more information, visit <http://www.truman.gov>.
- The James Madison Fellowship Program provides graduate funding for students who want to teach American history or government or social studies and “master the content of American constitutional history.” The program is lobbying for Montana applicants. Apply for assistance by the first week of February. For more information, visit <http://www.jamesmadison.com>.

The Carnegie Junior Fellows Program is seeking post-baccalaureate applicants. The program provides one-year research assistantships in Washington, D.C., for students seeking careers in international affairs. Many of the opportunities are in political science, energy and climate, economics and security languages such as Chinese and Russian. The UM deadline to apply is Nov. 20. For more information, visit <http://www.carnegieendowment.org>.

For more information or to apply for external scholarships, call Laure Pengelly Drake, director of External Scholarships and Advising at UM’s Davidson Honors College, at 406-243-6140 or e-mail laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu.

UM students who are qualified for graduate study at top American universities and are considering applying for the Gates Cambridge, Rhodes, Marshall or Mitchell scholarships should visit Pengelly Drake soon.

- The Gates Cambridge, for study at Cambridge University, requires leadership potential, social commitment and intellectual ability. For more information, visit <http://www.gatesscholar.org>.
- The Rhodes Scholarship, for study at Oxford University, requires evidence of physical vigor in addition to a “blend of character and intellect.” Rhodes Scholars “fight the world’s fight.” Learn more online at <http://www.rhodesscholar.org>.
- The Marshall Scholarship, for graduate study at any British university in most fields, supports top students who will “strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions.” For more information, visit <http://www.marshallscholarship.org>.
- The Mitchell Scholarship, for graduate study in Ireland, honors “Sen. Mitchell’s commitment to public service and community, integrity, leadership, justice and fairness.” Learn more online at <http://www.us-irelandalliance.org>.

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