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$1-MILLION IN FINANCIAL AID TO UM STUDENTS TO CONTINUE; AMOUNT INCLUDES $35,000 FOR 'UM DAYS' PARTICIPANTS, PANTZER SAYS

MISSOULA--

In spite of rising costs, the University of Montana will maintain its annual financial aid program to UM students at $1-million, and that amount will include $35,000 in UM Worthy Scholar awards to 80 of the high school seniors participating in "UM Days" April 4-5 on the Missoula campus, UM President Robert T. Pantzer has announced.

The UM Days Scholarship Awards Banquet will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in the University Center Ballroom.

Pantzer said the $35,000 in scholarships going to the high school seniors represents 10 percent of the $350,000 in total financial aid available to UM freshmen each year.

Application deadline for high school seniors who wish to participate in UM Days activities has been extended to March 29 by UM officials. The UM Office of Admissions will process the applications through April 1.

High school seniors participating in UM Days activities on the Missoula campus will be excused from classes at their respective schools. UM Days applications may be obtained from high school counselors.

Costs of campus meals and lodging and tickets to a theater production and rock-music dance will be included in a $10-per-student registration fee. High school students who plan to stay in University facilities should bring sleeping bags to campus.

Seniors participating in UM Days may sign up for sleeping accommodations after they arrive on campus. Students may register for accommodations from 7:30 p.m.-midnight Wednesday, April 3, or during regular UM Days registration from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in the UC Ballroom foyer.