Big Sandy native establishes scholarships at University

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Dosia J. Shults, a native of Big Sandy, has established two annual $500 scholarships in the University of Montana Foundation for graduates of Big Sandy High School to attend the University of Montana.

Shults, 76, owner and editor of the Adams County Record in Hettinger, N.D., is a 1926 graduate of Big Sandy High School and a 1933 UM journalism graduate. The scholarship endowment to the UM Foundation will be a donation of $10,000 in stocks.

Shults said he is establishing the scholarships because he had a rough time getting schooling in his youth because of financial problems, and he wanted to encourage others to be able to get a complete education.

During World War II Shults served as a public information officer and achieved the rank of lieutenant commander in the Navy. During his career as a journalist, Shults has owned seven North Dakota weekly newspapers and has been a member of the boards of directors of several North Dakota companies.

The 1980 Shults scholarship awards will be made to graduates of Big Sandy High School who will be enrolled as undergraduates at UM for the 1980-81 academic year and who have an outstanding record in high school or in college. Students wishing to apply must send evidence of their high school or college record, transcripts, test scores and letters of recommendation to the UM Financial Aids Office, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812 by Sept. 15.

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After the first year, graduates of Big Sandy High School will have preference for receiving the scholarships, but any Chouteau County high school graduate may qualify for and receive an award.

The UM Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization established in 1950 to assist the University by raising funds to establish scholarships and other educational programs. For more information about UM Foundation programs, interested persons may write the foundation at the University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812 or call 243-2593.

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