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Deaf girl receives $750 scholarship

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A University of Montana coed with a serious hearing loss and near-perfect grades has received the Cobb Foundation's $750 scholarship for the second consecutive year.

The student, Jane Catherine Canton of Stevensville, will receive $250 at the beginning of each quarter for the 1969-70 academic year. She has a grade point average of 3.86 and is majoring in speech pathology.

Miss Canton, 21, lost most of her hearing due to a nerve disorder when she was about 10-years-old. Since she began attending the University three years ago her condition has become progressively worse.

She has taken instruction in lip reading at the UM Speech and Hearing Clinic and now follows most of her instructors' lectures with ease. By comparing notes with her classmates, Miss Canton makes sure she has "heard" the lecture correctly.

In addition to the Cobb scholarship, she receives funds from State Vocational Rehabilitation (SVR) for her books and fees. She has been awarded the SVR funds for the past three years.

Miss Canton received an honor scholarship for her freshman and sophomore years after graduating from Stevensville High School as valedictorian in 1965.

She is living with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. McDonald, of Stevensville.