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APPLY FOR HISTORY SCHOLARSHIPS BY MAY 1

Applications for two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$150 scholarship for history or history/political science majors at the University of Montana are open through Tuesday, May 1.

Juniors are eligible for the two \$1,000 Bennett memorial scholarships, and freshman and sophomores may apply for the \$150 Skari memorial scholarship.

Criteria for selection for each scholarship will be based on grade-point averages and general academic excellence.

Applications should include a complete grade transcript, two letters of recommendation and a writing sample, such as a term paper or essay.

Applications should be submitted to Richard Drake, assistant professor of history, Liberal Arts Building Room 264, or to Linda Frey, history department chairman, Liberal Arts Room 257.

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Northwest Area Science Fair Situation (1983)

The 34th International Science and Engineering Fair was held in Albuquerque, NM May 9-16, 1983. This fair was the largest ever, with 560 finalists representing 305 affiliated fairs.

The Montana Science Fair was in its 28th year in 1983. The only fair of equal age in the four-state NW area was that in Kennewick, WA.

Montana	- 28th Montana Science Fair	Idaho	- 5th Lewis-Clark Regional Fair
Washington	- 28th Mid-Columbia Regional Fair	Oregon	- none.

Other adjacent states also participate:

North Dakota	- 8 affiliated fairs.	Wyoming	- 24th Wyoming State Fair
South Dakota	- 4 affiliated fairs.		

Since the beginning of the Fair in 1956, approximately 7650 Montana high school and grade school (7-8) students have entered the Montana Science Fair at Missoula. Many of these students were accompanied by their parents, teachers, and others while the Fair was in progress. Many have returned to attend the University of Montana. One of the participants in the first Montana Science Fair is now a professor in the University Mathematics Department. Another former participant is a professor in the Computer Science Department, while yet another serves as the Athletic Director.

In 1956, 20 Montana high schools participated. In 1983, at least 54 schools were represented at the Fair. The number of exhibits was 289 -- the highest number in the past seven or eight years.

Montana Science Fair winners have won 26 place awards at the International Science Fair, 21 out of the 28 years entered. Some State Science Fairs have never won an award. Our Montana Competitors have won:

First Place	(1974)
Two Second Places	(1956, 1961)
Eight Third Places	(1957, 1964, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1976, 1980, and 1983)
Fifteen Fourth Places	(1958, 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1981, and 1982)
Third & Fourth Places in the same year	(1964, 1969, 1971, 1976, and 1980)
Numerous Special Awards	

The girl grand-award winner at the 1982 fair, Edna Nutter of Sunburst, won a major award at the International Science and Engineering Fair in May in Houston, Texas. Nutter won a \$50 award for fourth place in biochemistry. The boy grand-award winner at the 1982 fair, Bill Rankin of Sunburst, won a major award, also, receiving the American Society of Agronomy Award in the Crops category. This award consisted of a \$100 check and a certificate.

The girl grand-award winner at the 1983 fair, Melody Stevens of Sunburst, won a major place award, \$100 for third place in botany, at the International Science and Engineering Fair in May in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Melody also won a major special award in the form of second place in botany in the prestigious U.S. Navy Awards Program. (First Place provides a trip to the London International Youth Science Fortnight.)

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