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Four Montana high school students have been awarded research grants by the Montana Academy of Sciences to enable them to carry on research projects they are working on, according to Dr. L. H. Harvey of Montana State University, academy executive secretary.

They are James Goff, Dawson County High School, Glendive; Dorothy White and Catherine Bownes, both of Anaconda Central High School, and Frances Beckman, Glasgow High School. They will receive the awards at the academy’s meeting Saturday at Eastern Montana College of Education, Billings.

Goff was awarded $25 to carry on a study on "Amino Acid Content of Fossils" in an attempt to solve some of the problems connected with the origin of life on earth. He was sponsored by Richard McMullin of the Dawson County High faculty.

Miss White is working on "Bacterial Antibiotics in the Soil," trying to find new antibiotics useful in fighting human disease. She was awarded $25. Miss Bownes was awarded $17.50 to investigate "Effects of Streptomycin and Related Antibiotics on Pigmented Organisms." Miss White and Miss Bownes were sponsored by Sister M. Giacomo, O.P., of the Anaconda Central faculty.

Miss Beckman is trying to determine "The Effects of Fluoride on Plant Growth." Her award is $17.50 and her sponsor is Howard E. Nelson of Glasgow High School.

The money for the grants is given to academies of science by the American Association for the Advancement of Science as part of the association's program of furthering interest in the sciences, Dr. Harvey said. Recipients are chosen by the academy Committee on Research Grants on the basis of their potential as future research workers in the sciences.

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