Montana Academy of Sciences to award research grants to Montana high school students

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Four Montana high-school students will be awarded research grants by the Montana Academy of Sciences Saturday, reports Dr. L. H. Harvey of Montana State University, executive secretary of the academy. Presentation will be made at the academy's annual meeting, which is in session at the University this weekend.

Recipients are Rudy Spraycar, Anaconda High School, $25; Holly Wilson, Stevensville High School, $25; Linda Bush, Missoula County High School, $15, and David Shannon, Choteau High School, $15.

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

Both Miss Wilson and Miss Bush are trying to determine if chemicals can be used to protect living organisms from radiation damage. Respective sponsors of their projects are Roy White of the Stevensville High faculty and Dr. Clyde M. Senger of the MSU zoology faculty.

Spraycar is trying to induce mutations in fungi by use of radioisotopes. Earl Phares of the Anaconda High staff is his sponsor.

Shannon is working on the construction of an infrared detector to be used in a study of the short-wave lengths of light. His project is sponsored by Albert Finley of the Choteau High faculty.

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