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The Haskins & Sells Foundation, Inc., has established a five-year program of annual awards for students of accounting at Montana State University, Dean Paul B. Blomgren of the School of Business Administration announced. The first $500 award at MSU will be presented fall quarter to a senior accounting major, he said.

Students who have completed the junior year of the accounting curriculum and who are enrolled for the senior year are eligible for consideration, the dean said. From this group, a faculty committee appointed by the University will select the winner from the five students with the highest scholastic averages in accounting courses.

Selection will be based on potential for success in public accounting, according to the dean. Determining factors include general grade average in all subjects, with particular emphasis on English, apparent willingness to accept professional responsibilities, and moral character. Scholarship and personal traits will count more than financial need.

In addition to $500, each annual winner will receive a silver medallion. The University will receive a plaque and name plates to be inscribed with names of award winners.

In initiating the Haskins & Sells Foundation Award for Excellence in Accounting at MSU, foundation representative Lorin H. Wilson, Seattle, Wash., worked with Dr. Donald J. Emblen of the accounting faculty and Dean Blomgren.

"The purpose of the foundation's awards program in colleges throughout the country," Wilson said, "is to stimulate academic achievement among accounting students and to encourage promising students to enter this field."

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