

MONTANA'S OWN

Graduate with Purpose

Montana State University



Preparing for Lives & Careers of Purpose

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Success Tip of the Week

Finish your semester **STRONG** with these tutoring and help center opportunities!

Don't struggle alone with homework, tests, and papers these next few weeks.
[SmartyCats to the rescue!](#)

- There are over 150 tutors for 385 different classes. [Find your class and tutor today.](#)
- For all general questions and assistance, visit the drop-in tutoring center on the 2nd floor of the Library.
- A few specific study sessions have already been scheduled with more on the way:
M171 - Sunday, Dec 11, 6-8 pm, NAH137
STAT216 - Day & time TBA in South Hedges
CHMY143 - Day and time TBA

[Watch the website](#) for more information on study sessions or [email Deb](#) if you need something specific.

Montana's Own Scholars receive **FREE**, unlimited tutoring - take advantage of it now!

There are also numerous Help Centers you can access. Many colleges and departments have their own Centers - i.e., Business, Engineering, Veteran's Center - your faculty and staff will be happy to help you find them. Also, everyone at the [MSU Writing Center](#) and the [Math and Stat Center \(MSC\)](#) are on hand for online, in-person, and group tutoring.

[See a Success Advisor!](#)

Careers Tip of the Week

Is your resumé looking a bit thin? Add some service and volunteering to it!

An effective resumé isn't just about showcasing your education and job experience. Potential employers also like to see how you engage within your campus and community. Even if you only have one or two semesters left at MSU, you still have time to fit in some service that will add some oomph to your resumé.

If you don't already have a service organization in mind, check out the Office of Student Engagement [Community Engagement](#) page. There you will find [local, national, and international opportunities](#) like AmeriCorps and Peace Corps. You can also search diverse community organizations working with animals, nature, youth, health, and much more.

"The benefits of volunteer work reach far and wide with a ripple effect that begins with the individual and nonprofit organization and extends beyond the larger community, benefiting everyone in its wake."

([Making a Difference Through Volunteering & Nonprofit Careers](#))

Once you've done your service and volunteering, make sure you add it to your resumé and LinkedIn profile.

Download the [Resume and Cover Letter Writing Guide](#) and make an [appointment with a career coach](#) for extra inspiration and assistance.

[See a Career Coach!](#)

Finance Tip of the Week

Looking to supplement your scholarship funds? Try these resources!

Even with only a few semesters left at MSU, you may find you need to lay your hands on more funds to help you get to the finish line. Great news! There are more opportunities for **FREE MONEY** out there than you may know. Check out these:

- [Cat Scholarships](#) You must have your [FAFSA](#) submitted for all these scholarships so make sure that is done. Then, search all the opportunities by keyword until you find something that may work for you. Be aware that February 1, 2023 is the deadline for most of the scholarships.
- [Award Montana](#) Administered by the Montana University System, these are a variety of exchange programs, scholarships, and waivers.
- Talk to your advisor or a favorite professor about opportunities that may be available through your department or college.

HINT: Many departments and college also have internship and employment opportunities available - don't be afraid to talk to staff and faculty about these.

If you are planning to go to grad school, check out even more resources below....

[See a Financial Coach!](#)

Wellness Tip of the Week

FEATURED RESOURCE

CATSCONNECT

A great way to have an engaging, healthy student experience is to FIND YOUR PEOPLE.

Spending time with people with similar interests and meeting people who can teach you about subjects you never even imagined is as easy as visiting the [CatsConnect](#) website!

Did you know there is an **Anime** club at MSU? How about **Robotics** or **Climate Change**, or **Creative Writing**, or **Fly Fishing**? There is even a **Brownie** club at MSU! In short, if you can imagine it, someone has probably created a community around it. You can [search the almost 300 organizations](#) and [see upcoming events](#) hosted by organizations.

Networking and engaging are two of the most important things you can do as an MSU student. You will have fun, learn something new, teach others, grow as a person, and form important personal and professional relationships.

Make a plan to **FIND YOUR PEOPLE** when you return in January '23!

[Find More Resources!](#)

-NEWS JUST FOR SCHOLARS-

We Want YOUR Story on the Website

We are in the process of updating our website with videos, photos, and stories of Montana's Own Scholars and we want to feature you!

Ready to share your interests, achievements, and goals with the world?

[Contact Deb](#) for more details and to set up a time to meet.

THINKING ABOUT HOW TO PAY FOR GRAD SCHOOL?

Whether you are graduating in two weeks or two years, if you are thinking about furthering your education, now is a great time to seriously think about how to pay for it.

When you become a grad student, you leave behind the days of Pell Grants and other funds you relied upon in your undergraduate days. But that doesn't mean you have to go it alone - there are plenty of resources for you to mine here at MSU, as well as other state and national resources.

- Your first stop should be [MSU's Graduate School](#) and their [Funding & Fellowship Opportunities for Graduate Students](#) webpage. Here you will find opportunities that both you and your department can initiate. **Take some time to dive into this information and see what can apply to you, your situation, and your program of study.**
- You can also find a list of possible fellowships you can apply for and how you can sign up for the [SPIN Funding Service](#), which is the "world's largest database of sponsored funding opportunities."
- Talk to the department hosting your program and the faculty you will have. **Personal contacts and networks are priceless when it comes to getting TA positions and letters of reference for grants and fellowships.**
- Look into [accelerated and online programs](#) at MSU so you'll spend less time and money earning your degree.
- Make an [appointment with a financial coach](#) at the [Office of Financial Education](#) to discuss more options and to get tips on saving and budgeting NOW for future grad programs.

We will have an in-depth "how to pay for grad school" workshop/panel during spring '23 semester so be on the lookout for that when you return.

More Resources for Scholars

[See all the upcoming Montana's Own activities and events on the online calendar.](#)

[See resources and materials just for Montana's Own Scholars.](#)

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