

Fred Unmack Scholarship

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About Fred: Fred Unmack was an active and enthusiastic volunteer in local Job Service Employers Committees (JSECs) and the Montana State Employers' Council (MSEC). He was an attorney by profession and willingly donated his expertise toward the incorporation of the MSEC. Fred took an active role in the Glendive and Lewistown JSECs – volunteering countless hours toward local projects. He also served on the MSEC Executive Board for many years as an Area Representative. He was a smart, caring, generous, quick-witted and gregarious man. It was just plain fun to be around Fred. In May 2003, Fred was the first JSEC member to receive the MSEC Spark Plug Award for his outstanding volunteer contributions. Shortly afterwards, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Fred maintained his optimism and famous sense of humor through an aggressive and grueling course of treatment. He passed away in June 2004.

Purpose: This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to high school seniors wanting to further their education through a course of study at the post-high school level. Training is not limited to traditional college or university course work and can include any trade or technical school.

Eligibility: All students who have been selected to receive a scholarship from a local Job Service Employers Committee (JSEC) in the current year are eligible to be nominated for this scholarship.

Award: The Montana State Employers' Council will provide an award of \$500 for expenses related to attainment of the student's chosen course of study.

Selection: A committee of three will make the selection. The recipient will be announced at the Annual Meeting in the spring. The committee will consist of the State Coordinator and two other members from the MSEC Executive Board and local JSECs. Local JSECs that have a current scholarship program are not eligible to participate in the selection committee.

Payment: The award will be given directly to the student selected as the award recipient.

Nomination Procedure: Local JSECs that have conducted a scholarship program for students attending post-secondary education can submit a nomination for their successful recipient(s). JSECs that provide awards to more than one student are free to nominate more than one of their recipients. Nomination forms will be distributed to all local JSEC Coordinators and local Chairs by the end of February. Forms are also available from the State MSEC/JSEC Coordinator, Kay Strayer at email kstrayer@mt.gov.

Deadline: Completed nomination forms should be **submitted to Kay Strayer, State MSEC/JSEC Coordinator no later than April 1st each year.** The nomination can be submitted by regular mail, fax or e-mail. Nominations should be sent to:

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Attn: Kay Strayer
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