

**2022 United Way of Beaverhead County
Community Service Scholarship
Lima High School**

United Way of Beaverhead County believes that through hard work and determination, all of its young people have the potential to attain their long-term educational goals. Providing scholarship opportunities is one of the best ways we can give back to our youth leaders and volunteers who have given so much of their time and support. We are proud to present the United Way of Beaverhead County Community Service Scholarship for high school students:

The Beaverhead County Community Service Scholarship recognizes high school seniors who have given back locally and globally to their community, through volunteer service. The scholarship award is for \$1,000.00 and will be sent directly to the recipient's accredited college, trade or vocational institution of attendance, in two installments, upon verification of enrollment.

Applicants must qualify for and complete the application for their potential Scholarship in Community Service offered by United Way of Beaverhead County, during their senior year. There are no income requirements. The scholarship application must be submitted to and received by the Guidance Office, Lima High School, by the **end of the first week of May**. Applications will be reviewed and a recipient selected by the Lima High School Scholarship Committee.

Minimum Qualifications

- Must be a graduating senior of Lima High School who will attend a post-secondary institution including an accredited university, community college, trade or vocational school;
- Must provide documented volunteer service for grades 9-12 for service through school or community-based service-learning projects, service with community organizations which can be verified by the organization, and service with a faith-based organization that is not proselytizing or that provides religious instruction;
- Submit an essay of approximately 500 words detailing the significance of your community service experience;
- Provide a list of community/school activities, awards and honors;
- Submit a copy of the letter of acceptance from the post-secondary institution that you will attend;
- Application must be typed and double-spaced.

Please note the list of services that do not qualify for this scholarship application:

- Court ordered
- Paid or stipend
- Political Lobbying
- Religious instruction
- Worship-conducting
- Where efforts are directed to serve only a family member(s)
- Proselytizing (This refers to the attempt to convince someone to adopt a religious faith or political doctrine.)

Requirements:

- Complete this application and include your 500 word essay.
- ***Both MUST be submitted together and received no later than the second week of May.***

Judging Criteria

A scholarship review committee will judge all completed applications and will award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the student with the highest scores in the following categories:

- Amount of community service
 - Your community service demonstrates significant thought and action in addressing the needs of the community. We ask you to include volunteer information on the provided form for services provided from freshman to senior year.
- Leadership
 - Include information that demonstrates your leadership qualities.
- Impact of service
 - Demonstrate that your community service involves an area of need and community focus that is important to the community (Beaverhead County or international).
- Commitment to service
 - Based on your essay, does it appear that you have an understanding of community need and does community service appear to be a long term commitment?

Please proceed to next page for the beginning of the application.

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Community Service Scholarship **Deadline: End of First Week of May**

Section A: Personal Information

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Mailing Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

High School: _____ **Gender:** _____

Institution you anticipate attending: _____

Section B: Volunteer Work

On the provided tracking sheet, please list the volunteer activities you have participated in during grades 9-12. Volunteer work contributed within the local and global community will be weighted and scored the same. Summertime work can be credited to the following school year.

Section C: Essay

Please include a brief essay which describes the significance of your volunteer activity or activities. Focus on what you learned from the experience, illustrating your understanding of community need and the impact of your work. We would also like to know how or why you are committed to serving your community in the future. Length should be approximately 500 words and your essay must be typed and double-spaced.

Section D: Letter of Recommendation (Include with your full application - Do not submit separately)

A letter of recommendation is required to complete your application for this scholarship. Your letter of recommendation should be written by an adult who has either worked with you in a volunteer capacity (e.g. supervisor), or by someone who can speak about your character and service experience. This letter needs to include your first and last name. You may only submit one letter of recommendation. If multiples are submitted, we will choose one at random from those supplied for review by the scholarship committee.

Section B: Volunteer Work (Grades 9-12)

Duplicate this sheet as needed to fully document your service.

(Print neatly or type in the space provided.)

Student Name: _____

School Year at time of service	Organization or Group	What volunteer work did you do?	Contact Person & Phone or Email	Dates of Service <small>Specific date or date range (ongoing volunteer work)</small>	Number of Hours