



JEAN ATKINSON DRIGGERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Jean Atkinson Driggers Scholarship Program will award an annual, one-time scholarship of \$2,500 to support tuition and related expenses of the successful applicant. The scholarship program will field applications every year, but the scholarship may be awarded to the same applicant in consecutive years if the scholarship committee deems this applicant to be the best candidate.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HISTORY:

Jean Atkinson Driggers was a teacher at Olney-Bissell School for 25 years. Her great joy in life was teaching and working with children. Jean's family established this scholarship fund in 2021 in her memory.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

The application deadline is March 31, 2026 at 11:59 MDT. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Awards will be announced in May, 2026.

Applications must be submitted online. The online application is available during the application window by logging into Whitefish Community Foundation's scholarship portal at:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wcf scholarship>

One successful candidate will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Applicant criteria:

- Applicant must have attended Flathead County, Montana School District #58, Olney Bissell School at 5955 Farm to Market Road, Whitefish, MT 59937.
- Applicant must be a graduating senior in Flathead County, Montana, or have previously graduated from a high school in Flathead County, Montana.
- No minimum G.P.A. required.

- Preference will be given to individuals with a proven history of community involvement/volunteerism and a strong work ethic.
- Intend to enroll at a post-secondary educational institution in the fall of 2026 (all scholarships are paid directly to the institution upon verification of enrollment).
- Submit a completed application by the application deadline.

2. The application will include:

- One letter of recommendation uploaded by a current or former teacher, professor, or advisor written in the academic year the application is submitted. (NOTE: **Letter of recommendation will be uploaded by the person providing the reference, not by the applicant. Reference providers must upload their letters by the application deadline.**)
- One letter of recommendation uploaded by a current or former employer or community involvement supervisor written in the academic year the application is submitted. (NOTE: **Letter of recommendation will be uploaded by the person providing the reference, not by the applicant. Reference providers must upload their letters by the application deadline.**)
- Most current high school or college transcript.
- The following essay questions:
 - i. Please describe a challenge you are overcoming as you pursue your goal of attending a post-secondary educational institution.
 - ii. Please describe any special attributes or accomplishments that set you apart from the crowd.
 - iii. Please explain what you believe you are capable of achieving once you have earned your college degree. You may explain this in terms of your life goals, career goals, and/or goals within your community.
 - iv. Describe volunteer activities in which you have chosen to participate, why you chose those particular volunteer activities, and how those experiences have affected your life.

Please contact Jill Seigmund at Whitefish Community Foundation with questions: (406) 863-1781 or jill@whitefishcommunityfoundation.org