



**MONTANA
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Special Announcement!

Over \$100,000 in Scholarships

Are Now Available at MSU Billings through our NEW

Preferred Partner Scholarship Award for New International Students

MSU Billings University officials have recently approved over \$100,000 in scholarship funding to provide a **10% tuition scholarship to the first 100 new international students** who are referred to MSU Billings through one of our preferred partner agencies or educational institution partners to enroll as full-time students at MSU Billings for the Fall 2011 academic year. Additionally, once students receive this scholarship, they can continue to receive the 10% tuition scholarship throughout each year of their enrollment at MSU Billings until their graduation as long as they maintain good academic standing (2.0 GPA for undergraduates and minimum GPA requirements for respective graduate degree programs). The 10% scholarship award will be applied toward the most current annual non-resident tuition rates for the respective student's Associate, Bachelors or Graduate degree program, not including mandatory student fees.

To receive one of the **100 "Preferred Partner Scholarship Awards"**, students must be referred through a current partner agency or educational institution partner, and complete the following steps:

1. Submit a complete application for admission, including all required application materials, according to the guidelines outlines on our website at:

For undergraduate admissions: <http://www.msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/admissions.htm>

For graduate admissions: <http://www.msubillings.edu/InternationalStudies/Admissions-Grad.htm>

2. Each student who is approved for admission will then receive an e-mail from the MSUB Office of International Studies & Outreach Programs, notifying them of their admission approval and confirming their eligibility to receive the **"Preferred Partner Scholarship Award"**. An official University admission acceptance letter and I-20 document will also be mailed to each admitted student and include a confirmation of the student's eligibility to receive the scholarship award.

IMPORTANT: As soon as the student receives their admission approval notification and confirmation of eligibility to receive the scholarship award, they **MUST** submit the following online confirmation form at <http://www.msubillings.edu/oisConfirmation.htm> to include the following:

- Officially confirm the student's intention to come to MSU Billings;
- Formally "accept" the "**Preferred Partner Scholarship Award**"; and
- Authorize MSU Billings academic advisors to pre-register the student for Fall 2011 semester courses. (This will enable us to ensure that each student is pre-enrolled in appropriate courses for their major and to avoid late registration issues associated with closed or wait-listed classes, etc.)

NOTE: If the student **DOES NOT** submit this confirmation form, the available scholarship funds will be awarded to other students until all 100 available scholarships have been officially awarded to students who have successfully completed submission of this confirmation form. Because these scholarship awards are limited, eligible students should submit this confirmation form immediately. Students should not wait until after they have received their visa approval to submit their confirmation form. If a student submits this confirmation form but then does not receive their visa approval or is unable to come to MSU Billings for the Fall 2011 semester, they can simply resubmit the confirmation form or send an e-mail to our office at ois@msubillings.edu to update us on their status and intentions.

3. When students arrive on campus at MSU Billings for the Fall 2011 semester, they must complete a mandatory International Student Orientation Program which will include meeting with an academic advisor to review and confirm their Fall semester course selections. Any changes to the student's pre-registered course schedule that are needed or desired can be made at that time. Also during the Orientation Program, the Office of International Studies and Outreach Programs will ensure that the 10% scholarship award is placed on each confirmed student's account in the University Business Services Office, and each student will then have the 10% tuition reduction applied to their final balance for payment of their tuition and fees for the Fall 2011 semester.
4. After the Fall 2011 semester, and for each subsequent semester of full-time enrollment at MSU-Billings, students receiving this "**Preferred Partner Scholarship Award**" will continue to receive the 10% reduction of tuition, not including mandatory student fees, as long as they maintain good academic standing (2.0 GPA for undergraduates and minimum GPA requirements for respective graduate degree programs).
 - Students completing an Associate Degree program through the College of Technology at MSU Billings who receive a 10% scholarship award toward the College of Technology tuition rates are also eligible to continue at MSU Billings toward completion of a Bachelors degree with a 10% scholarship award then being applied toward the MSU Billings undergraduate tuition rates.
 - Students completing a Bachelors Degree program at MSU Billings who receive a 10% scholarship award toward undergraduate tuition rates are also eligible to continue at MSU Billings toward completion of a Masters degree with the 10% scholarship award then being applied toward the MSU Billings graduate tuition rates (*Students would be required to formally apply and be admitted to the respective graduate degree program*).

Through this "**Preferred Partner Scholarship Award**", we are very excited to welcome new international students to study at Montana State University Billings. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/> . Please also do not hesitate to contact us at ois@msubillings.edu and we will do our best to help you!