



## 2021 CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

### MEDA RICK JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

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#### QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATE

Applicant Must Be:

An economic development professional that is currently a paid member of and is affiliated with an organization which promotes and fosters economic development activities in Montana.

A candidate with a reasonable expectation of continued opportunity for work in the field of community/economic development as evidenced by an explanation of the candidate's personal commitment to economic/community development work as stated within their application.

A candidate who is available to attend the course being offered through the scholarship within a six-month period from the date of application. Note: a candidate cannot change the course once an award has been given; the candidate must reapply for a different training with the next round of funding. Scholarship rounds are held quarterly.

#### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Criteria for selection are based on the responses within the application form. Applications can be either hard copy or electronic submission (preferred) and should be limited to two pages or less. If submitting via email, please expect a confirmation email. Please no binders nor addendums (simple is best).

Scholarships shall usually be for registration/tuition only, but in cases of extreme financial hardship, consideration will be made for board and room and/or transportation expenses.

Please see the quarterly deadline schedule below.

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#### Notice and Award

1. The MEDA Board shall annually review and set the criteria for scholarships and set the number and value of scholarships based on the moneys available for scholarship activities.
2. The MEDA Scholarship Committee will review all applications and determine the awards based on the applications submitted. The determination of the Committee will be final.
3. **Scholarship awards will be paid only upon proof of designated course completion by the applicant, with the exception of the NDC scholarship.** Said proof must be delivered to the MEDA Treasurer in care of Gloria O'Rourke, 118 E. Seventh St.; Suite 3F, Anaconda, MT 59711 for payment of financial award. Designated funds must be used within a six month period from the application submittal date.

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#### Deadline for applications to be received in the MEDA office:

- NDC SPECIAL OFFER \$600 SCHOLARSHIP (LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)**  
Apply at least 45 days prior to your class.
- Q1 2021 – deadline to submit 3.01.2020 – award notice by March 15th**
- Q2 2021 – deadline to submit 6.01.2020 – award notice by June 15th**
- Q3 2021 – deadline to submit 9.01.2020 – award notice by September 15th**
- Q4 2021 – deadline to submit 12.01.2020 – award notice by December 15th**

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:** [gloria@medamembers.org](mailto:gloria@medamembers.org)