Spring 2026 Montana Chapter
Women in Mining
Scholarship Information

Women In Mining USA is a nationwide organization of men and women, supporting the mining industry since 1972. WIM USA endeavors to position mining as an equitable, sustainable and reputable industry, and strives to cultivate a mining community that fosters trust and respect. It is WIM USA's belief that mining is essential for a better world and that the industry's success is determined by diversity of future talent.

WIM Montana aims to provide a support network for its members opportunities to acquire new personal and professional contacts by engaging with their peers across the state along with opportunities for personal development.

WIM Montana is happy to announce the opportunity to provide a one-time **$1,000 scholarship** to any student currently enrolled in an accredited university in Montana, or any high school senior who will be attending a university in Montana in the 2026/27 school year.

Scholarship Requirements and Guidelines

In order to qualify for the WIM MT Scholarship, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Currently enrolled, or plan to enroll by Fall 2026, at a university or college in Montana.
2. Have a desire to work in the mining industry after obtaining a degree.
3. Have a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be received by the scholarship committee no later than 8 pm (MST) on **May 16, 2026.** The WIM MT Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and notify the selected recipient of the award by June 15, 2026. The recipient must respond to the award notification to receive the funds. A $1,000 check will be made payable directly to the award recipient and be mailed upon confirmation of award notification.

Past scholarship recipients are invited to reapply as long as they continue to meet the application requirements.

Application Instructions:
Please complete and email the application form, transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted), and essay question responses to: montanachapter@womeninmining.us. Please include all documents in one email and make sure the subject line has "2026 Scholarship Application". If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact us via the email above.

We are looking forward to reviewing your application!

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DEADLINE: May 15, 2026

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

School you will be attending in Fall 2026: _____

(Anticipated) Major: _____

Current GPA: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Career or Field of Study you plan to pursue after graduation: _____

Essay Prompts

Please submit your responses to each prompt on a separate page. Responses should be limited to one page *maximum* per question, with a minimum 11-point font and 1.5x line spacing.

1. What is your elevator speech on why mining is important? (Short response, as if you have 60-90 seconds with someone on an elevator).
2. WIM is an organization driven to create a culture within the mining industry where any person has an equal opportunity to have a successful career. Describe a situation you've experienced where having a diverse team was beneficial. What were your takeaways?
3. Tell us what is unique about you that you hope will help you succeed in the mining industry. What are you looking to contribute to the industry?
4. (*Optional*) WIM is a non-profit organization; therefore, we value this scholarship going to a student in need of financial assistance. If you feel comfortable, please let us know if you feel your financial situation warrants being awarded this scholarship and why.

By signing this, you verify that all information provided is correct and that you did not utilize AI to generate responses to the essay questions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please email the application form and supporting documentation to WIM Montana at-
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