

January 15, 2017

Dear College Counselor,

We would like to invite students from your school to apply for the Horatio Alger Montana Scholarship Program.

The Montana Scholarship is awarded to 50 high school seniors in the amount of \$7,000, which is to be disbursed over the student's college career. This scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. **Students must pursue a bachelor's degree at the University of Montana or Montana State University system schools.** The eligible schools have agreed to provide an additional \$5,000 award so that the total grant amount will equal \$12,000 to be disbursed over the student's college career.

Since 1984, the Horatio Alger Association has awarded over \$110 million in college scholarships to deserving students. Through nationally recognized educational programs, the Association reaches out directly to our nation's young people with a message of hope, opportunity, responsibility, and perseverance.

In keeping with the mission of the Horatio Alger Association, the scholarship programs provide financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. **Scholarship criteria also include high school graduation in spring/summer, commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree, and United States citizenship.**

We ask that you place the enclosed poster in a prominent location at your school to let students know about the Horatio Alger Montana Scholarship Program. Students may apply online **January 15 – April 15 at [scholars.horatioalger.org](http://scholars.horatioalger.org)**. If students completed a Horatio Alger Scholarship application during the fall they will be considered for the Montana scholarship. Students who did not complete their application in the fall may log back in to complete their application until April 15.

**IMPORTANT:** In order for an application to be considered complete the applicant's counselor must complete a Certifications Form online.

**Please add [scholarships@horatioalger.org](mailto:scholarships@horatioalger.org) to your safe mail list.**

We look forward to receiving applications from your students as we seek to recognize outstanding young people.

Sincerely,



Terrence J. Giroux  
Executive Director

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