

BIG SKY STATE GAMES

CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarship

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Scholarship DEADLINE Friday May 12, 2017

Applications available to download at

www.bigskygames.org

The Big Sky State Games has teamed up with the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition and Kenco Security and Technology to recognize the importance of sportsmanship and character in Montana student athletes. CHARACTER COUNTS! is a nonprofit organization striving to improve the character of today's youth. It is based on common ethical values that transcend political, religious, socio-economic and cultural differences. Called the "Six Pillars of Character," these values are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Character Counts! Scholarship is sponsored by Kenco Security and Technology.

Over the past ten years, the Big Sky State Games has awarded the Character Counts! Scholarship to outstanding Montana female and male student-citizen-athletes involved in the Big Sky State Games. The scholarship can be used for any secondary education after high school. This includes trade schools and community colleges.

The 2016 winners of the \$500 Character Counts! Scholarships were Cory Kistler of Huntley Project, Mick Mattie of Billings, Kelsey Kraft of Laurel and Hailey Poole of Colstrip.

The 2017 scholarship winners will be announced at the 32nd Annual Big Sky State Games Opening Ceremonies, Friday, July 14, 2017 at Wendy's Field at Daylis Stadium in Billings.

Only high school juniors during the 2016-2017 school year are eligible for this scholarship.

This is to ensure that fellow students can observe the scholarship winners during their senior year and to recognize the traits the students show. The application will be available at all Montana High Schools Guidance Counselor offices and www.bigskygames.org.

By embracing CHARACTER COUNTS! the Big Sky State Games has taken a proactive approach to building character through athletics.

APPLICATION

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CHARACTER COUNTS! SCHOLARSHIP

- \$500 to male and female students, recipients will be recognized at the Big Sky State Games Opening Ceremonies.
- You must be a junior in high school and have participated in the Big Sky State Games to complete this scholarship form.
- **DEADLINE Friday, May 12, 2017**

Full Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Tel: () _____

E-mail Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of High School: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

List any Academic honors, awards, etc., you have received (May attach a list to the application):

State any employment you have had or now have:

Title of Position	Employed by	Type of Work	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Big Sky State Games Participation:	Sport/Event	Years Involved
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

WITH THIS APPLICATION PLEASE describe how you have demonstrated the following characteristics in your life:

- 1) Trustworthiness 2) Respect 3) Caring 4) Responsibility 5) Fairness 6) Citizenship
 All responses must be typed and double spaced. These responses should not exceed two type written pages.

Also attached to this application should be **two typed letters of recommendation** from a teacher/school official or a past/present coach and one from a community leader (NO FAMILY).

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained on this application is correct and complete. I also agree that the Big Sky State Games has my permission to verify all information.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

This application must be completed and returned to the Big Sky State Games office, on or before May 12, 2017. They can also be mailed to:

Big Sky State Games
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