

# Centene Corporation

## Scholarship Essay Information 2016-2017

**Purpose:** Centene Corporation is committed to helping Montana grow and to keeping talented Montanans in Montana. As a reflection of that commitment, Centene awards three \$2500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors to apply to their educational expenses at a college or university in Montana.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be a senior graduating in School Year 2016-2017 from a Great Falls high school or a high school located within a 70-mile radius of Great Falls. Private and parochial high school seniors are also eligible.

Seniors who have been awarded a Presidential Scholarship or a Montana University System Honors Scholarship are **not** eligible for the Centene Scholarship.

To receive the scholarship, the student must be enrolled in Fall Semester 2017 as a full-time student in a public or private college or university located in Montana. Students enrolling in one of Montana's two-year colleges (colleges of technology, community colleges, or tribal colleges) are also eligible.

**Basis for Selection:**

The Centene Scholarship Committee will rate each applicant based on these criteria:

- Number of high school credits and GPA through the 7<sup>th</sup> semester (50%)
- Score on impromptu essay (50%)

Students applying for the Centene Scholarship must submit the following preliminary application materials by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

- a completed scholarship application ; and
- an official high school transcript including all coursework through the 7<sup>th</sup> semester of high school.

Applicants must write a timed response to an impromptu essay question drawing on their experience, reflections, and/or knowledge of life in North Central Montana.

**Selection Criteria:** High-scoring essays will: (be written on computer, double spaced, 1,000 words or less)

- Present a well-organized response to the assigned essay topic;
- Draw on the author's own experience, observation, reflections, or study to make a compelling statement on the assigned essay topic;
- Reflect an awareness of audience and the ability to communicate in an authentic way with a public audience on this topic;
- Suggest a flair for the written word; and
- Demonstrate a command of the conventions of written language. Although the essay may be informal in style, the use of slang, contractions, sentence fragments and other unconventional forms should be conscious, controlled choices of the author.

**Timelines:** Preliminary application materials must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2017

Essay response session – Thursday, March 14, 2017

Winners notified by Centene Corporation

**Applying:** SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT APPLYING FOR THE CENTENE SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE. ALL QUALIFIED HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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# Centene Corporation Scholarship Application 2016-2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
University/College\* Attending \_\_\_\_\_

To be eligible, applicants must enroll in a Montana college or university Fall Semester 2017. The college may be public or private and may be a college of technology, community college, or tribal college in Montana.

Students who have won a Presidential Scholarship or a Montana University System Honors Scholarship are not eligible for the Centene Scholarship.

## Authorizations

Federal law requires the scholarship committee to obtain written permission from the awardees for the release of academic and biographical information to the Centene Corporation and/or news media. By signing below, I agree that relevant information may be released.

Furthermore, by signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information and understand that any false or misleading statements may invalidate my application

Finally, by signing below, I authorize the Centene Corporation to publish my essay in order to promote the scholarship and/or my community.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Student*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian (if student is under the age of 18)*

## Preliminary Application Materials

- \_\_\_ Centene Scholarship Application (this form)
- \_\_\_ Official high school transcript including seven (7) semesters of high school course work

To submit your preliminary application materials, mail this application form (completed) and an official high school transcript showing seven (7) completed semesters of course work to: Centene Scholarship, c/o Susan Lee, 1720 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South – Suite 4, #239, Great Falls, MT 59405. **Submissions must be post-marked by March 1, 2017.**

## Essay Response Session

To win the Centene Scholarship, you must write a response to an impromptu essay question in a session administered by a designated proctor at **Paris Gibson Education Center**, 2400 Central Avenue, Great Falls, MT. (By pre-arrangement other sites may be possible, but in order to keep the essay topic secure, the date of the essay response session cannot be changed.) The essay response session will be on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Paris Gibson Education Center, 2400 Central Avenue, Great Falls, MT.** Students who have not submitted Preliminary Application Materials will not be admitted to the essay response session.

The Centene Corporation in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246 as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other federal laws and regulations, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This includes, but is not limited to membership, scholarships, employment, and education services.