



Montana Association
2026-2027
State Leadership Scholarship Application

Montana BPA will be offering scholarships to graduating seniors. The scholarships will be given to outstanding Montana Business Professional of America members who plan to further their postsecondary education. Applicants must be a senior in high school and have completed or applied for the Statesman Torch Award. Scholarships are sponsored by MBEA, MDU Resources Foundation and Charlie and Barbara Byrne.

A committee will select a recipient using the following criteria:

- Letters of Recommendation
- Scholastic Standing
- Expressed Desire for Further Education
- Membership and Involvement in Business Professionals of America
- Involvement in Community Activities
- Response to Essay Questions

Name _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

High School _____

Home Address _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Two letters of recommendation are required for this application. One should be from school personnel and the other from someone within the community.

Please respond to the following questions and statements and attach additional sheets, if necessary, to this application.

1. Scholastic Standing: What business and/or marketing classes have you taken in high school? Describe your academic accomplishments.

2. Future Plans: Explain how your future plans for college have been influenced or are related to your experiences in Business Professionals of America.

3. Business Professional of America Involvement: List any offices, projects, meetings, and awards you have won or participated in, including torch awards.

4. Community Involvement: What community organizations (outside of school) have you been active in? List organizations and activities.

5. Essay Question: Describe the importance of professional membership to career development.

- How has Business Professionals of America helped prepare you for future participation in professional organizations?
- How have your experiences as a student and employee prepared you to be a business professional?

The completed application, proof of submittal or receipt of the Statesman Torch Award (either a printout of the submitted Statesman Torch Award resume from the Online Torch Awards System or a copy of the previously-awarded Statesman Torch Award Certificate) and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Montana BPA State Director postmarked on or before February 1, 2026 at the address below. Please retain a copy of the scholarship application for your records.

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The scholarship recipients will be announced at the State Leadership Conference in Billings. The scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of the second quarter/semester of the recipient's postsecondary education. At that time, the recipient must notify the Montana Business Professionals of America State Advisor of his/her enrollment.

I, the undersigned, attest that this application was prepared solely by me, and that the work is original, and the result of my own efforts.

Applicant Signature	Date	Advisor Signature	Date

SCHOLARSHIP RATING SHEET

Points Possible	Category
10	Letters of Recommendation Up to five points each. One from school personnel and one from the community.
10	Scholastic Standing Evaluated based on applicant's stated goals and accomplishments regarding academic achievement.
10	Educational Plans Evaluate the ability of the applicant to articulate the personal value of Business Professionals of America.
20	Membership and Involvement in Business Professionals of America Evaluated based upon commitment to Business Professionals of America activities. • Offices • Projects • Meetings • Awards
20	Community Involvement Evaluated based on student's commitment to community and volunteerism; can be both Business Professionals of America and other community activities.
30	Essay • Provides evidence of understanding of the role of professional organizations in careers. • Understands connection between Business Professionals of America and involvement in professional organizations as a working adult. • Understands the importance of professional development in career success.
100	Total Points Possible

Student Name _____

Chapter _____

Points Possible	Category	Points Earned
10	Letters of Recommendation	
10	Scholastic Standing	
10	Educational Plans	
20	Membership and Involvement in BPA	
20	Community Involvement	
30	Essay(s)	
100	TOTAL POINTS EARNED	