



## Montana Tree Farm Scholarship Information Sheet

**DEADLINE: September 15, 2016**

This is a **\$500** scholarship offered to one student annually.

The American Tree Farm System® (ATFS) is a network of more than 83,000 woodland owners sustainably managing 26 million acres of forestland. It is the largest and oldest sustainable family woodland system in America, internationally recognized, meeting strict third-party certification standards. There are over 400 Tree Farmers in MT who own about 1.2 million acres of forest land.

For 70 years, ATFS has enhanced the quality of America's woodlands by giving forest owners the tools they need to keep their forests healthy and productive. Stemming the loss of America's woodlands is vital to our country's clean water and air, wildlife habitat, recreational activities, and producing the jobs, wood and paper products we all need. ATFS is a program of the American Forest Foundation.

For more information on the Tree Farm program visit:

[www.mttreefarm.org](http://www.mttreefarm.org)

[www.treefarmssystem.org](http://www.treefarmssystem.org)

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be a resident of Montana enrolled (for the first time) or attending any accredited institution of higher education, on a full time basis, have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above, and must demonstrate an interest in forestry. **Applicants must have a Tree Farmer or a Tree Farm Inspector as a reference.**

**Application:** A student may only apply once for the scholarship in any calendar year. May be submitted on the web at:

<http://www.mttreefarm.org/about-us/scholarship.html>, hand delivered by the applicant to any Montana Tree Farmer or Tree Farm Inspecting Forester, emailed to [cindy.peterson@cfc.umt.edu](mailto:cindy.peterson@cfc.umt.edu), or mailed to:

The Montana Tree Farm System  
P.O. Box 17276  
Missoula, MT 59808-7276

**Award:** The Montana Tree Farm Steering Committee will annually review all applications by to September 25 of each calendar year and award the

successful applicant a scholarship by **September 28** of that year. An interview with one or more of the applicants can be requested by the Steering Committee.

Applications available at [www.mttreefarm.org/about-us/scholarship](http://www.mttreefarm.org/about-us/scholarship) or by request at cindy.peterson@cfc.umt.edu phone 406-243-4706.

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**\*\*\*APPLICATION \*\*\***  
**2016 Montana Tree Farm Scholarship**  
**(due September 15, 2016)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Montana \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Graduate of** \_\_\_\_\_  
(school, city, state)

**Attending or planning to attend, as a full time student:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(school, city)

**Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference, must be a Tree Farmer or Inspecting Forester (required):**

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**Attach to this form:**

- 1) A short essay regarding your reason for application and written interest in Forestry/Natural Resource Issues (one page or less).
- 2) Verification of enrollment from the appropriate school

**I understand that this request for financial aid is based on the following criteria:**

- 1) Montana resident
- 2) Carry a minimum of 12 credits at an accredited higher education institution
- 3) Have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- 4) Demonstrate an interest in forestry
- 5) Tree Farmer or Inspecting Forester reference

**Acknowledgement:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Applicant signature)**