

BIG SKY STATE GAMES

CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarship



Scholarship DEADLINE Friday May 1, 2026

Online application available 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 Mountain Alarm Fire and Security.

Over the past twenty-four 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 2026 winners of the \$500 Character Counts! Scholarships were Isaac Mosser of Billings, Kamdyn McFarland of Billings, Addison Hansen, Bainville, and Joshua Campbell of North Star High School..

The 2026 scholarship winners will be announced at the 41st annual Big Sky State Games Opening Ceremonies, Friday, July 17, 2026 at Lockwood High School Stadium in Lockwood.

*Only high school **juniors** during the 2025-2026 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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Presented By:



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 or volunteered with the Big Sky State Games to complete this scholarship form.
- Fill out the form online at bigskygames.org
- **DEADLINE Friday, May 1, 2026**

Full Name: _____ Male ___ Female ___

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: () _____

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 1, 2026. Applications can be submitted online at bigskygames.org.

They can also be mailed to:

Big Sky State Games
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