



**MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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## **Veteran's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Scholarship**

The Montana University System is currently offering a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Scholarship Program from now through June 30, 2016 to encourage students with knowledge equivalent to college-level learning to pursue credit via tests or assessment. Students can make use of the scholarship funds to take standardized examinations, have credentials evaluated, or enroll in the portfolio process.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible to participate in the PLA Scholarship Program, the student must be:

- A veteran of any branch of the United States Armed Forces
- Enrolled at a Montana University System (MUS) institution
  - at the time of application
  - at the time of the award of the PLA scholarship
  - at the time of the use of the PLA scholarship
- In good academic standing
  - GPA of 2.0 or higher
  - not on academic probation

### **Scholarship Criteria**

The PLA Scholarship fund has award money available to reimburse expenses incurred by MUS students. PLA Scholarship funds can be used toward any combination of:

- Testing center application fee
- Funding to cover reimbursement to the testing center for the cost of standardized Prior Learning examinations
- Funding to cover reimbursement to the campus for the fee(s) for Prior Learning Portfolio assessment

### **Application Process**

The Prior Learning Scholarship Application information and form are available online on the Montana University System website <http://mus.edu/veterans/military-credit-transfer.html>. Students should discuss their proposed PLA plan with their Veteran's Coordinator and Academic Advisor, paying special attention to the applicability of any course challenge(s) or potential portfolio assessment(s) to their degree plan. The completed scholarship application and an invoice detailing the fees associated with the Prior Learning Assessment(s) must be submitted to Erik Rose ([erose@montana.edu](mailto:erose@montana.edu)) at the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. The Testing Center Official, Faculty Portfolio Assessor, or Academic Advisor is responsible for sending the completed application and invoice. The scholarship funds will then be released to the college or university to award the applicant.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY ~ Campuses at Billings, Bozeman, Great Falls, and Havre

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA ~ Campuses at Butte, Dillon, Helena, and Missoula

Dawson Community College (Glendive) ~ Flathead Valley Community College (Kalispell) ~ Miles Community College (Miles City)



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**Veteran's Prior Learning Assessment Scholarship Application**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

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|-----------|------------|----|-----|
| Last Name | First Name | MI | SSN |
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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION:**

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| Degree (AA, AS, BA, BS) | Major/Concentration (for BA/BS only) | GPA |
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Enrolled at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Institution Name)

**PROPOSED PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT PLAN:**

*Indicate the course(s) you propose to challenge via testing and/or portfolio, as well as any credential(s) you propose to submit for evaluation and the costs associated with each of the courses or credentials.*

**ACADEMIC APPLICABILITY**

*The above PLA plan is degree applicable and the applicant is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Both signatures are necessary for receive the scholarship. The Testing Center Official, Faculty Portfolio Assessor, or Academic Advisor is responsible for sending the completed application to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. Scan and send to: ATTN: Erik Rose [erose@montana.edu](mailto:erose@montana.edu) via email or mail to Erik's attention via the address at the top of this form.*

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| Veteran's Coordinator | Date |
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| Testing Center Official, Faculty Portfolio Assessor, or Academic Advisor | Date |
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