



2017 MedStart MedStart Program Application

MedStart Summer Program Description

WHAT: *MedStart Summer Camp is a 5-day summer camp program sponsored by the Montana AHEC (Area Health Education Center) system. The program is designed to encourage sophomore and junior high school students to pursue their interest in a variety of healthcare careers. Montana AHEC focuses on accepting students from low-income families, rural areas, under-represented minorities, or those who will be first in their family to attend college. The aim of MedStart is to provide students a chance to further explore healthcare careers, learn about college life, and realize it is possible to pursue higher education.*

WHY: *Montana, and the nation as a whole, is facing a healthcare workforce shortage. To develop the next generation of healthcare professionals, the Montana AHEC system has organized the MedStart summer program as one way to foster student's interest in pursuing careers in healthcare. The goal is to provide students with the support and resources needed to enter and succeed in the healthcare industry. This "grow your own" approach can be seen as one way to fill the healthcare pipeline and ultimately address the healthcare workforce shortage. Montana AHEC is a federally funded organization with five AHEC centers across the state. Organizations hosting and supporting the AHEC's include Montana Hospital Association, Montana Health Network, Montana State University, University of Montana and RiverStone Health.*

WHO: Students must be current sophomores or juniors from a Montana high school to apply. Homeschooled or GED students are eligible as well. Students may be no older than 18.

Applications must be postmarked by March 3, 2017 to be considered.

Cost to attend MedStart is \$500/student. MedStart tuition fees cover room & board, transportation to events, all included activities, scrubs, and student materials. MedStart is not offered for high school credit. Multiple scholarships are available based on need, and/or merit; see page 5.

Notification of camp acceptance and scholarship awards will be announced April 14, 2017
Students will receive a packet to complete and submit with payment in full by May 15, 2017

****Please note that students accepted into the MedStart Camps are required to provide proof of health insurance and up-to-date vaccinations as well as a tuberculosis test in order to be allowed to participate in the activities at healthcare facilities. Montana AHEC is not an affiliate of the Montana Office of Public Instruction, and therefore, does not recognize Montana Immunization Exemption Form 20-5-401. In order for your child to participate in activities at MedStart, current immunization records and negative results of a TB test (within the last year) are required. ****

A complete application consists of the following:

1. Application Form (pages 2-4)
2. Financial Aid & Scholarship Application Form, optional (pages 5-6)
3. One Completed Recommendation Form (pages 7-8)

Please direct questions to and mail application to:

2017 MedStart Camp
North Eastern Montana AHEC
519 Pleasant
Miles City, MT 59301

2017 MedStart Application Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION **Attach additional pages as needed, include your name on each page**

1. Last name: _____ First: _____ M. initial: _____

2. Mailing address: _____
Town State Zip code

3. Home Phone: _____ 4. Student Cell Phone: _____

5. Student E-mail: _____
**Please provide valid, legible, email addresses that will be checked regularly. This will be the method of communication from the MedStart staff.*

6. Parent E-mail: _____

7. Gender: Female Male

8. Birth date: _____

9. Current age: _____ 10. What grade are you in currently? 10th 11th

11. Please respond according to the parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom you live most of the time:

Parent or Guardian #1

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Parent or Guardian #2 (Optional)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

12. High school presently attending: _____ City: _____

13. Name of Guidance Counselor: _____ School Phone: _____

14. Do you plan to attend college?
YES: 2 yrs. 4 yrs. Other:

NO: Other post-graduation plans: _____

15. How interested in a healthcare career are you? (Circle one)

Not at all Somewhat Very

16. How likely are you to pursue education in a healthcare field? (Circle one)

Not at all Somewhat Very

17. Please list, in order of preference, your top areas of career interest. (i.e.: physician, radiologic technician, nurse, etc....)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

18. Please list community service and/or volunteer activities you have participated in during high school.

19. Please list extracurricular activities (music, church, sports, etc.) in which you have been involved.

20. Please list any honors you have received while attending high school.

21. Please list any job experience while attending high school.

22. Have you applied to MedStart before? (Circle one) **Yes No**
 Have you attended MedStart before? **Yes No**

"In which of the following have you participated:

- Expand Your Horizons: STEM for Girls Conference (Kalispell, Bozeman, Missoula)
- STEM Saturday (Billings)
- Heads Up Camp (Anaconda, Dillon, Helena, Billings)
- REACH (Research & Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare) at your local hospital
- Student hospital internship program (credit or non-credit)
- Montana HOSA: Future Health Professionals

23. How did you hear about MedStart? (Please check all that apply)

- School (counselor, teacher, etc.)
- Online (where?): _____
- AHEC
- Hospital: _____
- Flyer/Poster
- Other: _____

24. Five MedStart programs will be offered in the summer of 2016. Based on your availability, interests, and preference, please rank the following five camp locations, with #1 being your first choice, #2 your second choice, #3 your third choice, #4 your fourth choice and #5 your fifth choice.

_____ Missoula: University of Montana (UM) – **June 11 – 15**

_____ Billings: Montana State University Billings (MSUB) – **June 25 - 29**

_____ Great Falls: University of Great Falls/Great Falls College – **July 9 – 13**

_____ Miles City: Miles Community College (MCC) – **July 16 – 20**

_____ Butte: Montana Tech (MTECH) – **July 23 - 27**

25. Are you committed to any other summer programs that may overlap and/or conflict with MedStart Camp? **YES NO**
If yes, what dates conflict?

ESSAY QUESTIONS - PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILED ANSWERS. If needed, feel free to use additional sheets of paper.

A. What interests you about the healthcare field? Have you had any personal experiences with the healthcare field?

B. Why are you interested in attending MedStart and how do you feel it could contribute to your career plans?

C. What opportunities have you had to learn about health professions? What barriers to learning about health professions have you experienced?

D. Do you believe there are interesting healthcare careers available in your community? If so, would you consider pursuing a healthcare career in your home town/region?

Financial Aid Information & Scholarship Application

Cost to attend MedStart Camp is \$500.

Please note: Montana AHECs & sponsors do not discriminate based on information provided. However, preference for scholarships is given to students from low income backgrounds and underrepresented students, including those from: rural communities, racial, ethnic, or cultural minorities, students who are potential first generation college students.

1. GEAR-UP SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship Amount: Full Tuition + Travel Stipend (25 available)

Who is Eligible?

_____ Check here if you are a student from one of these GEAR-UP high school and wish to receive a scholarship:

- | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------|
| - St. Regis | - St. Ignatius | - Arlee | - Hardin | - Troy |
| - Browning | - Heart Butte | - Plenty Coups | - Lincoln County HS | - Libby |
| - Box Elder | - Rocky Boy | - Harlem | - Lincoln HS | - Pryor |
| - Lame Deer | - Lodge Grass | - Wolf Point | - Thompson Falls | |

* If you check that you are attending a GEAR UP school, you can stop here.

2. CVS WORKFORCE INITIATIVES HOSA SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship Amount: Full Tuition (4 available)

_____ Check here if you are a current HOSA Member. Affiliated with which school? _____

3. JOBS FOR MONTANA (JMG) MERIT SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship Amount: Full Tuition (2 available)

_____ Check here if you are a current or past student of a JMG class

For scholarship information, contact: ESwanson@mt.gov

4. AHEC SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship Amounts: One quarter (1/4) to Full Tuition

Who is Eligible?

Students who meet any of the following criteria are eligible for **one or more partial** scholarships. A scholarship equal to one quarter of the full tuition is awarded for **each** of the following criteria. Please place a check beside **ALL** criteria that you meet and wish to receive a scholarship for: (You may check more than one)

A. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch (even if you do not participate in the lunch program)

See income guidelines at: http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/Forms/14_15EligibilityGuidelines.pdf

_____ Check here if you qualify for the free or reduced lunch program at your school and wish to receive a scholarship.
(1/4 Tuition)

B. Students from underrepresented racial, ethnic or cultural minority groups.

Do you describe yourself as?

- [] Hispanic/Latino
 [] American Indian/Alaskan Native (Please list Tribe(s)): _____
 [] Asian
 [] Black/African American
 [] Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

_____ Check here if you checked one of the above groups and wish to receive a scholarship. (1/4 Tuition)

C. Students from underrepresented communities.

_____ **Check here if you live in a rural community with a population of 10,000 or less and wish to receive a scholarship. (1/4 Tuition)**

*Missoula, Billings, Great Falls, Butte, Bozeman, Helena and Kalispell are considered urban cities.

D. Students who may be the first generation in their family to attend college.

Parent or Guardian #1 Education Level:
(Check highest level completed)

- Grade School
- High School
- College
- Other

Parent or Guardian #2 Education Level:
(Check highest level completed)

- Grade School
- High School
- College
- Other

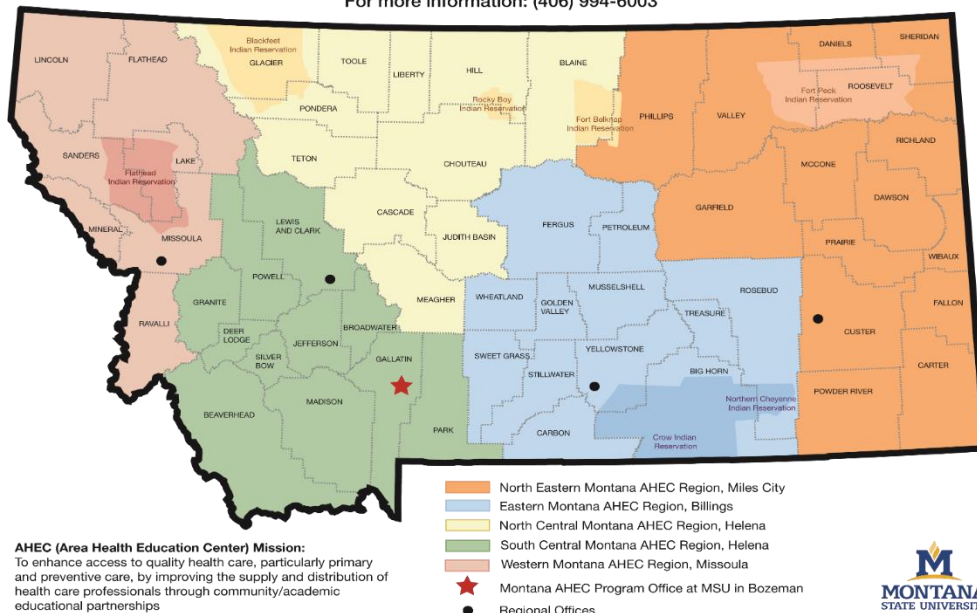
_____ **Check here if you would be the first generation to attend college and wish to receive a scholarship. (1/4 Tuition)**

Contact your regional AHEC Office to find out if any additional scholarships are available in your region. See attached regional map.

- North Eastern AHEC Office: bbrunk@montanahealthnetwork.com
- Eastern AHEC Office: nikole.bak@riverstonehealth.org
- North Central AHEC Office: shani.rich@mtha.org
- South Central AHEC Office: natascha.robinson@mtha.org
- Western AHEC Office: martha.robertson@umontana.edu

Montana AHEC Regions

For more information: (406) 994-6003





MEDSTART RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please return this evaluation in a sealed envelope to the student. ****Do Not Mail Separately****

APPLICANT NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

This student has asked you to provide an assessment of his/her suitability as a participant in the one-week MedStart summer program. The program is open to current sophomores and juniors (students who will be juniors and seniors in the fall of 2017). 150 students will be accepted state wide. Students may also be eligible for merit scholarships to cover their tuition costs based on academics, interest and motivation.

We are interested in mature, responsible, and motivated students who have:

- Previously demonstrated an interest in health careers (or could benefit from learning about such options)
- Demonstrated past academic achievement, or whom you feel are academically promising but whose grades may not currently reflect this.

Students who meet one or more of the following criteria are strongly encouraged to apply:

- Under-represented minority
- From a rural area
- Economically disadvantaged
- From a family in which neither parents are college graduates

Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas:

	LOWEST			HIGHEST	
LEADERSHIP SKILLS -Problem solving, ability to see alternatives, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
MOTIVATION -Desire to achieve academically, self-initiative	1	2	3	4	5
VERBAL SKILLS AND EXPRESSION -Clarity and coherence	1	2	3	4	5
INTERPERSONAL CONTACT -Openness, ability to relate effectively to others	1	2	3	4	5
RESPONSIBILITY	1	2	3	4	5
MATURITY	1	2	3	4	5
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT	1	2	3	4	5
ACADEMIC POTENTIAL	1	2	3	4	5

STUDENT’S STRENGTHS AS YOU SEE THEM:

STUDENT’S WEAKNESSES AS YOU SEE THEM:

WHY WOULD THIS STUDENT BENEFIT FROM A SUMMER PROGRAM LIKE MED START?

SUMMARY EVALUATION (overall impression of student and comments which may be helpful):
Please use this sheet or attach a separate letter.

Signature, Date _____
Evaluator’s

School (or other organization) Department/Position

E-mail

Phone

The deadline for MedStart applications is March 3, 2017, so please return this form to the student in a sealed envelope prior to this date. ****Do Not Mail Separately**** The student will return this with other application materials. Your time is much appreciated!
Thank you!