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 (eroseg@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.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Last Name    First Name    MI    SSN

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Degree (AA, AS, BA, BS)    Major/Concentration (for BA/BS only)    GPA

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 via email or mail to Erik's attention via the address at the top of this form.

Veteran's Coordinator    ________________________________    Date

Testing Center Official, Faculty Portfolio Assessor, or Academic Advisor    ________________________________    Date

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)