

# AWARDS

The basic philosophy of the awards system is to standardize the number and size of awards that will be presented at the various MHSA-approved activities and to prohibit any additional awards being purchased or presented by a member school, other organizations or individuals.

## GENERAL RULES FOR AWARDS

- (1) The Executive Board shall select and approve exclusive trophy and individual award designs for use in the MHSA Award program.
- (2) The only trophies or individual awards that may be presented at any MHSA meet or tournament shall be those provided by the MHSA. No school shall be permitted to purchase, accept or present additional trophies. However, district or divisions shall be permitted to recognize sportsmanship at the conclusion of each tournament. Additional individual awards over and above those authorized by the MHSA may be purchased by the individual school through the MHSA office.
- (3) Divisions may purchase divisional medals beyond the first and second place medals provided by the MHSA in speech and drama, golf, tennis, track & field and wrestling. The divisions must contact the MHSA office to purchase these extra medals.
- (4) All trophies or awards authorized by the MHSA, except basketball, wrestling, volleyball, and Class AA soccer conference championship trophies, will be ordered and paid for by the MHSA.
- (5) MHSA will provide one trophy for each co-op team and schools can purchase additional trophies for the other school(s) in the co-op.
- (6) If a conference championship trophy in basketball, wrestling, volleyball, or Class AA soccer is desired by the conference, the trophy awarded shall be identical to a district or a divisional championship trophy, whichever is the first tournament participated in by the team that will receive the trophy. Such a trophy must be ordered through the MHSA office and shall be paid for by the conference.
- (7) Only one (1) trophy will be awarded at any MHSA meet or tournament when a maximum of five (5) teams are participating. However, the conference may elect to buy a second place trophy through MHSA if they so desire. Only two (2) trophies will be awarded with a maximum of six (6) teams participating when no qualifying procedure for the meet or tournament is used. If a sport or activity does not have provision for the awarding of a maximum of three (3) trophies, the activity or tournament will be restricted to the number of trophies allowed by the MHSA award rule. In the case of ties for team trophies, only the number of trophies allowed by this provision shall be presented with duplicate trophies awarded for the tied place(s) and the trophies not presented returned to the MHSA office.
- (8) Individual miniature trophies for first, second and third place MHSA state championship events may be purchased from the Associations awards provider.
- (9) Trophies and individual awards may be presented at approved invitational athletic meets or tournaments. When six (6) or more teams participate, three (3) trophies may be awarded (first, second and third). When fewer than six (6) teams participate, only one (1) trophy may be awarded (first). The number of individual awards presented shall not exceed the number allowed by the MHSA at a district or division meet for that particular sport, and further, the size and price of the trophy (or trophies) awarded shall not exceed those of the first-place trophy in a Class C district meet or tournament.

The specifications of the first-place Class C district trophy are as follows:

- a. The overall height is approximately 10 inches.
- b. The width of the base is approximately 13 inches.
- c. The bid price is \$30.00 including all engraving.

- (10) In the event of team ties, trophies and place standings shall be determined by the following method: When two or more teams have the same number of points, the tie(s) will be broken by using the National Federation Rule Book. If the National Federation Rule Book does not provide a method to break the tie(s) then duplicate trophies will be awarded. See General Awards Rule (6).

In the event of ties for individual awards the presentation will be determined by a flip of a coin. Duplicate medals for individual ties will be ordered and purchased by the MHSA.

## AUTHORIZED AWARDS FOR MHSA ACTIVITIES

### Non-Athletic Awards:

#### I. Music

A. **District** - Certificates will be issued for every event in the district festival. Silver embossed certificates will be issued only to superior ratings. Non-embossed certificates will be presented to all others.

B. **State** - Gold embossed certificates will be issued only to superior ratings. Silver embossed certificates will be issued to all others.

C. **All-State Groups** - Certificates of recognition will be issued for each All-State participant.

#### II. Speech and Drama

##### A. Division

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to each of the top three schools in Classes A, B and C in both speech and drama at each of the two Class A divisional meets and at each of the three Class B-C divisional meets as per General Rules for Awards, (6). (No divisional meets are held in Class AA.)

2. **Individual** - In Class A, a medal will be awarded to each of the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to each of the third through eighth place winners for each speech event. In Class B-C, a medal will be awarded to each of the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to each of the third through sixth place winners for each speech event. A medal will be awarded to each of the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to each of the third through sixth place winners for each drama event. Exceptions:

1. Class A - Western and Eastern division purchases medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> place.

##### B. State

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to each of the top three schools in each of the four basketball classifications (AA, A, B and C) in speech that earn the most sweepstakes points at the state meets. A trophy will be awarded to each of the top three schools in each of the three basketball classifications (A, B and C) in drama that earn the most sweepstakes points at the state meets.

Note: No sweepstakes trophy will be awarded without sweepstakes points.

2. **Individual** - A medal will be awarded to each of the first eight place winners in each speech event in Class AA, Class A and Class B-C. A medal will be awarded to each of the first eight place winners in each drama event in Class A and Class B-C.

C. Invitational Meets - The MHSA has approved a standardized trophy which may be presented to first place winners only in individual events at any invitational speech and drama meet where the host school(s) wishes to present awards. The cost of this trophy must not exceed \$7.50. The only other awards that are authorized are certificates which may be awarded in lieu of or in addition to the standardized trophy. This would permit certificates only to be awarded to other place winners. The designing, securing and awarding of a sweepstakes trophy is left to the discretion of the host school(s). Only one sweepstakes trophy may be awarded in each school classification. The size of such sweepstakes trophy shall not exceed that of the first-place trophy presented by the MHSA at athletic or non-athletic district meets. See General Awards Rule (8).

#### Athletic Awards:

##### I. Baseball

###### A. Division

1. **Team** - A team trophy will be awarded to the East, Southwest, West and Northwest divisional champions.

###### B. State

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each classification.
2. **Individual** - 22 gold medals will be awarded to the state champions and 22 silver medals will be awarded to the state runners-up (18 players, 2 managers and 2 coaches).

No additional individual awards may be ordered or presented.

##### II. Basketball (Boys and Girls)

###### A. District

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards, (6).
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

###### B. Division

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in Classes A, B and C. Class AA has one traveling trophy that will be presented to the winning boys' and girls' team at all divisional tournaments.
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

###### C. State

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each classification.
2. **Individual** - 16 gold medals will be awarded to the state champions and 16 silver medals will be awarded to the state runners-up (12 players, 2 managers and 2 coaches) in each classification.

No additional individual awards may be ordered or presented.

###### D. Conference

1. **Team** - A team trophy can be purchased by the conference for the conference champion. It must be identical to a district or divisional championship trophy,

whichever is the first MHSA tournament participated in by the school. The trophy, if awarded, must be ordered through the MHSA office.

2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

##### E. Tournament Basketball

At MHSA district, divisional and state tournaments the tournament basketball (one only) is to be presented to the first place team in addition to the first place trophy.

##### III. Cross Country (Boys and Girls) - State

A. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each of four classifications, AA, A, B and C. If five or fewer compete in any classification, only one trophy will be awarded.

B. **Individual** - A medal will be awarded to the first fifteen place winners in each of the four classifications for boys and girls. In addition, the winning team in each classification will receive seven (7) medals, both boys and girls.

##### IV. Football

###### A. District

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards, (6).
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

###### B. Division

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards, (6). If the division has split into subdivisions each subdivision will receive a first and a second place trophy as per General Rules for Awards, (6). Exceptions: in Class A only a first place trophy will be awarded in each conference and in Class AA no trophies will be awarded.
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

###### C. State Semi-Finalist (Mailed to the school)

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to each semifinalist that fails to qualify for the state championship game.
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

###### D. State

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the state champion and to the runners-up in Classes AA, A, B, C and 6-Player.
2. **Individual**
  - a. Class AA - 53 gold medals will be presented to the state champions and 53 silver medals to the runners up, (44 players, 4 managers and 5 coaches).
  - b. Class A - 45 gold medals will be presented to the state champions and 45 silver medals to the runners up, (39 players, 2 managers and 4 coaches).
  - c. Class B - 37 gold medals will be presented to the state champions and 37 silver medals to the runners up, (33 players, 2 managers and 2 coaches).
  - d. Class C - 28 gold medals will be presented to the state champions and 28 silver medals to the runners up, (24 players, 2 managers and 2 coaches).

- e. 6-Player - 24 gold medals will be presented to the state champions and 24 silver medals to the runners up, (20 players, 2 managers and 2 coaches).

No additional individual awards may be ordered or presented.

E. At MHSA quarter final and semi-final playoff games and at state championship games the game football (one only) is to be presented to the game winner.

## V. Golf (Boys and Girls)

### A. Divisional

#### 1. Team

- a. Class AA will provide and present one traveling trophy that will be presented to the winning boys' and girls' team.
- b. Class A, Class B, and Class C – A trophy will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards, (6).

#### 2. Individual

- a. All Classes – A medal will be awarded to the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to each third – fifteenth place winners for the boys and girls in each division. Exceptions:
  1. Class AA – MHSA will purchase 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> place medals since no team trophies are awarded in Class AA.
  2. Class A – Western and Eastern division purchase medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Class B – Western division purchases medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places only.

### B. State

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams for both boys and girls in each classification, as per General Rules for Awards (6).
2. **Individual** - A medal will be awarded to the top fifteen place winners for both boys and girls in each classification.

No additional individual awards may be ordered or presented.

## VI. Soccer (Boys and Girls)

### A. Division

1. **Team** - In Class A a team trophy will be awarded for divisional champions
2. **Team** - In Class AA a team trophy can be purchased by the division for the division champion. It must be identical to a district or divisional championship trophy, whichever is the first MHSA tournament participated in by the school. The trophy, if awarded, must be ordered through the MHSA office.
3. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

### B. State Semi-finalist - Class AA and A (Mailed to the school)

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to each semifinalist that fails to qualify for the state championship game.
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

### C. State

1. **Team** - A team trophy will be awarded to the state champion and to the runners-up in Class AA and A.
2. **Individual** - 22 gold medals will be awarded to the state champions and 22 silver medals will be awarded to the state runners-up (18 players, 2 managers and 2 coaches) in both classes.

## VII. Softball

### A. Division

1. **Team** – A team trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards (6) in the divisional softball tournaments for Eastern and Western A and for Eastern and Western B-C.

### B. State

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each classification.
2. **Individual** - 22 gold medals will be awarded to the state champions and 22 silver medals will be awarded to the state runners-up (18 players, 2 managers and 2 coaches).

No additional individual awards may be ordered or presented.

## VIII. Swimming (Boys and Girls) - State

A. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in Class AA and a trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in Class A as per General Rule for Awards, (6).

B. **Individual** - A medal will be awarded to the top six places in each event for both Class AA and Class A except for Class A relays where only three places will be awarded.

## IX. Tennis (Boys and Girls)

### A. Division

1. **Team – In Classes A and B/C, a maximum of three (3) trophies will be awarded in each division as per General Rules for Awards, (6). Exception: In Class AA no trophies will be awarded.**

2. **Individual** - A medal will be awarded to the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to the third through fourth place winners in both singles and doubles as mandated by the tennis section. In Class AA, a medal will be awarded to the top three placers and a ribbon will be awarded to fourth place. Exceptions:

1. Class AA – MHSA will purchase 4<sup>th</sup> place medals because no team trophies are awarded in Class AA.
2. Class A – Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest divisions purchase medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> place.
3. Class B/C – Boys' Central, Northwest, and Southwest divisions purchase medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> place. Girls' Central, East, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest purchase medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### B. State

1. **Team** – A team trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams.
2. **Individual** – In Classes AA, A, and B/C a medal will be awarded to each of the top six place winners in both singles and doubles.

## X. Track (Boys and Girls)

### A. District

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each district as per General Rules for Awards, (6).
2. **Individual** - A ribbon will be awarded to the top six place winners in each event in each district. In case of

ties which exist following the application of all tie breaking criteria, duplicate ribbons will be awarded. (Provided there are a minimum of six teams competing.)

#### B. Division

##### 1. Team

- a. Class AA will provide and present one traveling trophy that will be presented to the winning boys' and girls' team.
- b. Class A, Class B, and Class C – A trophy will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards, (6).

##### 2. Individual

- a. All Classes – A medal will be awarded to the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to each third – fifteenth place winners for the boys and girls in each division. Exceptions:
  1. Class AA – MHSA will purchase 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place medals since no team trophies are awarded in Class AA.
  2. Class A – Western and Eastern division purchases medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place.
  3. Class B – Western division purchases medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place.
  4. Class C – Eastern, Northern, Southern, and Western division purchases medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place.

#### C. State

1. Team - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each of the four classifications, AA, A, B and C.
2. Individual - A medal will be awarded to the top six place winners in each event in each of the four classifications. In case of ties which exist following the application of all tie breaking criteria, duplicate medals will be awarded.

No additional awards may be ordered or presented.

#### XI. Volleyball

##### A. District

1. Team - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards, (7).
2. Individual - No individual awards are to be presented.

##### B. Division

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in classes A, B, and C. Class AA will provide and present one traveling trophy that will be presented to the winning at all divisional tournaments.
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

##### C. State

1. **Team** - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each classification.
2. **Individual** - 16 gold medals will be awarded to the state champions and 16 silver medals will be awarded to the state runners-up (12 players, 2 managers and 2 coaches) in each classification.

No additional individual awards may be ordered or presented.

##### D. Conference

1. **Team** - A team trophy can be purchased by the conference for the conference champion. It must be identical to a district or divisional championship trophy, whichever is the first MHSA tournament participated in

by the school. The trophy, if awarded, must be ordered through the MHSA office.

2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

##### E. Tournament Volleyball

At MHSA district, divisional and state tournaments the tournament volleyball (one only) is to be presented to the first place team in addition to the first place trophy.

#### XII. Wrestling (Boys and Girls)

##### A. Division

##### 1. Team

- a. Class AA will provide and present one traveling trophy that will be presented to the winning boys' and girls' team.
- b. **Boys' Class A, Class B, and Class C – A trophy will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards, (6). Girls Class A and Class B/C – A Trophy will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams as per General Rules for Awards (6).**

##### 2. Individual

- a. All Classes – A medal will be awarded to the top two place winners and a ribbon will be awarded to each third – place winners for the boys and girls in each division. Exceptions:
  4. Class AA – MHSA will purchase 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place medals since no team trophies are awarded in Class AA.
  5. Class A – Western and Eastern division purchases medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.
  6. Class B/C – Western and Eastern division purchases medals for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> places.

In addition, one accumulative "quick fall" award will be presented to the wrestler with the most pins in the shortest total time at each divisional tournament. The "quick fall" award shall be presented only to the wrestler who reaches the championship round.

##### B. State

1. **Team** – Boys - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each of the four classifications, AA, A, B and C. **Girls - A trophy will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each of the three classifications AA, A, and B/C.**
2. **Individual** - A medal will be awarded to each of the top six place winners in each weight class at the three state tournaments, AA, A and B-C. In addition, one accumulative "quick fall" award will be presented to the wrestler with the most pins in the shortest total time. The "quick fall" award shall be presented only to the wrestler who reaches the championship round.

No additional individual awards may be ordered or presented.

##### C. Conference – **Boys Only**

1. **Team** - A team trophy can be purchased by the conference for the conference champion. It must be identical to a divisional championship trophy. The trophy, if awarded, must be ordered through the MHSA office.
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

## JAMES C. HAUGEN MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The Montana High School Association's James C. Haugen Meritorious Service Award will be presented by the MHSA Executive Board for "Outstanding Contributions to MHSA Activities." This is the highest award given by the MHSA. The Meritorious Service Award was established in 1979 and was renamed the James C. Haugen Meritorious Service Award in 2004 in honor of the retiring MHSA Executive Director.

- 1979-80 - James L. Dutcher, Athletic Director, Billings Public Schools
- 1980-81 - Mildred B. Adams, MHSA Secretary, Helena
- 1981-82 - Frank McElwain, Director of Special Services, Missoula County Schools
- 1982-83 - Bob "Pappy" Nees, Activities Director, Custer County High School, Miles City
- 1983-84 - [no award presented]
- 1984-85 - R. Rex Dalley, MHSA Executive Secretary  
Nick Mariana, Prognosticator of "Nick's Picks" Radio Show, Great Falls
- 1985-86 - [no award presented]
- 1986-87 - Paul "Casey" Stengel, Superintendent, Custer County Schools, Miles City  
C.W. "Pops" Grandy, Superintendent, Terry  
R.W. Wallin, Superintendent, Flathead County, Kalispell  
Professor Walter T. Scott, State Football Director, Butte
- 1987-88 - [no award presented]
- 1988-89 - [no award presented]
- 1989-90 - [no award presented]
- 1990-91 - [no award presented]
- 1991-92 - Ralph Halverson, Coach, Great Falls High School, and MCA Executive Secretary
- 1992-93 - Dan L. Freund, MHSA Executive Director  
James C. Haugen, MHSA Assistant Executive Director
- 1993-94 - [no award presented]
- 1994-95 - [no award presented]
- 1995-96 - [no award presented]
- 1996-97 - [no award presented]
- 1997-98 - Dean Conklin, Manager-Corporate Communications, Montana Power Co., Butte  
Montana Power Company, Bob Gannon-Chair, President and CEO, Butte
- 1998-99 - Jim Grant, Former Activities Director, Great Falls Public Schools  
Dave Shreeve, Activities Director, Colstrip Public Schools  
Anne Sullivan, Speech and Debate Coach, Bozeman High School  
Universal Athletic Service, Larry Aasheim-President, Bozeman
- 1999-00 - [no award presented]
- 2000-01 - [no award presented]
- 2001-02 - Bob Farrell, Former Principal, Glasgow High School
- 2002-03 - [no award presented]
- 2003-04 - Jim Haugen, Retiring MHSA Executive Director, Helena  
Scott McDonald, Athletic Director, Bozeman High School
- 2004-05 - Joanne Austin, MHSA Assistant Director, Helena
- 2005-06 - Terry Peterson, Activities Director, Froid High School
- 2006-07 - [no award presented]
- 2007-08 - [no award presented]
- 2008-09 - James Baldwin, Superintendent, Alberton Public Schools  
Rollie Rieger, Activities Director, Belgrade High School
- 2009-10 - [no award presented]
- 2010-11 - Bob Rowe, CEO, NorthWestern Energy, Butte  
Bill Wright, Production Manager, Farmers Union Insurance, Great Falls
- 2011-12 - Duane Walker, Activities Director, Hardin High School
- 2012-13 - Mark Beckman, MHSA Executive Director
- 2013-14 - Gary DeGooyer, Activities Director, Great Falls Public Schools  
Herb Townsend, Activities Director, Laurel High School
- 2014-15 - Liz Flikkema, Activities Director, Manhattan Christ High School
- 2015-16 - Mark Brajcich, Red Lodge  
US Bank
- 2016-17 - [no award presented]
- 2017-18 - Dan Rust, former MOA/civic leader, Bozeman  
Jerry Thompson, Superintendent, Rapelje

- 2018-19 - Jock Anderson, Retired MHSA Legal Counsel  
Janie Holmes, Retired MHSA Business Manager  
Theresa Stanisich, Retired MHSA MOA Coordinator
- 2019-20 - Scott King, Activities Director, Malta High School  
Bob Hogemark, Activities Director, Park City High School
- 2020-21 - [no award presented]
- 2021-22 - Dinny Bennett, Superintendent Forsyth Public Schools  
Pat Lynch, Activities Director Manhattan High School
- 2022-23 - Dave Edington, Retired MHSA Wrestling Rules Interpreter  
Doug Reisig, Retired Superintendent Hellgate Elementary

## SERVICE CITATION AWARD

This award was initiated by the MHSA Executive Board to commence with the 1983-84 school year and will be presented by the MHSA Executive Board in recognition of a Significant Contribution" to the MHSA.

### 1984 Recipients

1. Eleanor Buzalsky, Gymnastics Official – Bozeman
2. Jay Shaw, Gymnastics Official – Billings
3. Jug Beck, Wrestling Coach – Missoula
4. City Center Motel, George Hubbard – Bozeman
5. Larry Williams, Music Supervisor – Great Falls
6. Don Simmons, Music Supervisor – Missoula
7. John Johnson, Administrator – Glendive
8. Montana Power Company – Butte
9. Universal Athletics, Dick Hart and Larry Aasheim, owners – Bozeman
10. Roy Pace, Sportswriter – Helena
11. Bernie Lustig, Sports Announcer – Billings
12. Dan Marinkovich, Administrator – Anaconda
13. Chamber of Commerce – Helena
14. Paul Stengel, Administrator – Miles City
15. University of Montana – Missoula
16. Bud Purdy, MSU Field House Manager – Bozeman
17. Les Irish, MHSA Staff and Insuror – Helena
18. John Good, District Delegate – Butte
19. Bob Chilton, Official – Helena
20. Bill Racicot, Carroll College – Helena
21. Billings Gazette Sports Staff, Warren Rogers, Editor
22. Great Falls Tribune Sports Staff, George Geise, Editor
23. Al Manuel, Track Volunteer – Alberton

### 1985 Recipients

1. Cato "The Cat" Butler, Sports Announcer – Helena
2. Ralph Halverson, MCA Director – Great Falls
3. Helena High School
4. Al Bedoo Shrine Temple – Billings
5. Harley Lewis, UM Athletics Director – Missoula
6. Tom Kelly, Carroll College – Helena
7. Tom Reynolds, Northern Montana College – Havre
8. Jim Barsotti, Administrator/Speech Director – Big Sandy

### 1986 Recipients

1. Gary Spaeth, Legislator – Silesia
2. Lander Fred, Administrator – Missoula
3. Willard Wallace, Administrator – Billings
4. Ray Collins, Administrator – Billings
5. Don Lawston, Administrator – Missoula
6. Mike Thompson, Administrator – Glendive
7. Bob Zupan, Administrator – Billings
8. Bill Swarthout, Administrator – Great Falls
9. Fred Anderson, Administrator – Glendive
10. Bob Dantic, Administrator – Laurel

### 1987 Recipients

1. Norm Clark, Sportswriter – Denver
2. Bob Beach, Transportation Owner – Missoula
3. William O'Grady, Gymnastics Official – Great Falls
4. Robert Bares, Music Supervisor – Laurel

### 1988 Recipients

1. KSEN Radio – Shelby
2. Jan Lowney, Cheerleader Coach – Anaconda
3. Dr. Robert Whitesett, Medical Advisor – Helena
4. Dr. John McMahon, Medical Advisor – Helena

**1989 Recipients**

1. Jim Grant, Administrator – Great Falls
2. Phil Robinson, Administrator – Richey
3. Bob Farrell, Administrator – Glasgow
4. Montana Standard, Hudson Wilse, Sports Editor – Butte

**1990 Recipients**

1. Nels Christiansen, Eastern Montana College – Billings
2. Tom McGonigal, Administrator – Baker

**1991 Recipients**

1. College of Great Falls, Fr. Jim Sikora – Great Falls
2. Frazer Community, Star Quilt Ceremonies – Frazer
3. Poplar Community, Star Quilt Ceremonies – Poplar
4. Brockton Community, Star Quilt Ceremonies – Brockton

**1992 Recipients**

1. Cecil Warren, Administrator – Helena
2. Jack McGowan, Administrator – Ennis

**1993 Recipients**

1. Harvey Hawbaker, Administrator – Shelby
2. Gary Hughes, UM Field House Manager – Missoula
3. Ted Kato, Administrator – Thompson Falls
4. Howard Ross, MSU Field House Manager – Bozeman

**1994 Recipients**

1. Jim Wood, Administrator – Sidney
2. Ron Ewing, Administrator – Sidney

**1995 Recipients**

1. Dr. Ernest Jean, Administrator – Florence-Carlton
2. Cal Moore, Administrator – Medicine Lake
3. Cal Johnson, Administrator – Billings
4. Bill Larson, Music Supervisor – Great Falls

**1996 Recipients**

1. Charlie Klimas, Administrator – Havre
2. Anne Sullivan, Speech Advisor – Bozeman

**1997 Recipients**

1. Liz Flikkema, Administrator – Manhattan Christian
2. Dave Marsh, Administrator – Sheridan
3. Scott McDonald, Administrator – Bozeman
4. Dr. Rick Stuber, Administrator – Culbertson

**1998 Recipients**

1. Ron Adams, Administrator – Hardin
2. Gene Boyle, Administrator – Kalispell
3. Shirley Chesterfield, Coach – Helena
4. Chuck Harvey, Administrator – Townsend
5. Terry Peterson, Administrator – Froid

**1999 Recipients**

1. Richard Correll, Administrator/Corporate Sponsor – Missoula
2. Dave Edington, Wrestling Interpreter-Clinician/Coach – Ronan
3. Dave Edwards, Music Supervisor – Billings
4. Wayne Loeffler, Administrator – Bigfork
5. Dr. Michael Schutte, Medical Advisor – Missoula

**2000 Recipients**

1. Scott Lockwood, Soccer Interpreter-Clinician/Official – Helena
2. Joe McKay, Coach – Kalispell
3. Doug Dierenfield, Awards Advisor – Billings
4. Brady Selle, Administrator – Florence-Carlton
5. Nancy Walters, Administrator/Coach – Great Falls

**2001 Recipients**

1. Frank Kibbee, Administrator – Alberton
2. Karen Underwood, Administrator – Cut Bank
3. Bob Holden, Administrator – Missoula
4. Herb Townsend, Administrator – Laurel
5. Fred Anderson, Administrator – Miles City
6. Ted Schreiber, Administrator – Miles City

**2002 Recipients**

1. Verne Beffert, Administrator – Livingston

2. Scott Dubbs, Administrator – Lewistown
3. Rollie Rieger, Administrator – Belgrade

**2003 Recipients**

1. John Cheek, Administrator – Drummond
2. Gary DeGooyer, Administrator – Great Falls
3. Rocky Erickson, Sports Announcer – Billings
4. Dennis Granlie, Music Supervisor – Great Falls

**2004 Recipients**

1. Howard Neckels, Radio Announcer – Deer Lodge
2. Bill Schlepp, Administrator – Roundup
3. Colleen Sullivan, Teacher/Coach – Whitefish
4. Dave Williams, Administrator – Billings

**2005 Recipients**

1. Glenn Flatt, Administrator – Malta
2. Merle Gunderson, Rules Interpreter – Great Falls
3. Cal Spangler, Administrator – Shepherd

**2006 Recipients**

1. Ward Fifield, Administrator – Power
2. Steve Gaub, Former Administrator – Florence-Carlton
3. Don Paulson, Administrator – Cut Bank

**2007 Recipients**

1. Dan Rust – Bozeman

**2008 Recipients**

1. Tom Blakely, Administrator – Three Forks
2. Clay Dunlap, Administrator – Winnett
3. Mike Venner – Butte
4. Scott Whaley, Administrator – Missoula

**2009 Recipients**

1. John Jones, Former Administrator – Nashua
2. Mike Reynolds, Coach – Cut Bank
3. Jerry Thompson, Administrator – Rapelje
4. Melanie Stocks and Brad Murphy, MSU Field House Personnel – Bozeman

**2010 Recipients**

1. Janie Holmes, MHSA – Helena
2. Allan Labbe, Administrator – Superior
3. Mark Meredith, Trainer – Bozeman
4. Jim Opitz, Administrator – Helena Public Schools
5. Mary Senvold, Music Director – Glendive

**2011 Recipients**

1. Glenn Hageman, Administrator – Glasgow
2. Darrell Holland, Administrator – Hamilton
3. Randy Russell, Administrator – Bozeman

**2012 Recipients**

1. Trudi Downer, Former Coach – Laurel
2. Karen Sanford-Gall, Former Executive Board Member – Billings
3. Scott Wilson, Administrator – Polson
4. Bruce Saylor, Sports Editor – Butte

**2013 Recipients**

1. Mark Brajcich, Administrator – Red Lodge
2. Mark Dennehy, Administrator – Glacier (Kalispell)
3. John Overstreet, Administrator – Ennis

**2014 Recipients**

1. Greg Kielb, Owner-Broadcaster, KMMR Radio, Malta
2. Richie Melby, Sports Director, KRTV-Great Falls
3. Mike Towne, Prep Sports Writer, Great Falls Tribune

**2015 Recipients**

1. Jim Carroll, Administrator – Conrad
2. Jackie Fuller, Administrator – Whitefish
3. Doug McConnaha, Forensics – Corvallis
4. Tim Sharp, Administrator – Sunburst

**2016 Recipients**

1. Bob Hogemark, Administrator – Park City
2. Scott King, Administrator – Malta
3. Dennis Murphy, Administrator – Havre
4. Chad Peterson, Administrator – Butte Central

**2017 Recipients**

1. Erik Engebretson, Music Director – Malta
2. Pat Lynch, Administrator – Manhattan
3. Chuck Merrifield, Administrator – Butte
4. Meadow Lark Country Club – Great Falls

**2018 Recipients**

1. Shawn Holmes, Administrator – Seeley-Swan
2. Matt Molyneaux, Administrator – Chinook
3. Paula Molyneaux, Administrator – Chinook
4. Mark Wahl, Administrator – Billings

**2019 Recipients**

1. Advantage Butte
2. Rick Phillips, Administrator – Belgrade
3. Richy Powell, Administrator – Billings Central

**2020 Recipients**

1. Bob Rittierodt, NFHS Network
2. Bill Dutcher and First Interstate Arena (MetraPark)

**2021 Recipients**

[no award presented]

**2022 Recipients**

1. Larry Cady, Administrator – St. Labre Catholic
2. Larry Crowder, Administrator – Culbertson
3. Dan Sturdevant, Administrator – Jefferson

**2023 Recipients**

1. Kara Bartlett, Destination Missoula
2. Travis Blome, Administrator – Hamilton
3. Bryce Wilson, Administrator - Kalispell

**NorthWestern Energy's  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD**

This award was initiated by the MHSA Executive Board to commence with the 1988-89 school year and will be presented to a school in each classification whose students in activities have the highest overall G.P.A. during the school year.

**1988-89 Recipients**

AA – Helena  
A – Custer County (Miles City)  
B – Whitehall  
C – Lavina

**1990 Recipients**

AA – Butte  
A – Colstrip  
B – Bigfork  
C – Peerless

**1991 Recipients**

AA – Butte  
A – Fergus (Lewistown)  
B – Loyola Sacred Heart (Missoula)  
C – Peerless

**1992 Recipients**

AA – Butte  
A – Colstrip  
B – Troy  
C – Kremlin-Gildford

**1993 Recipients**

AA – Helena Capital  
A – Colstrip  
B – Troy  
C – Peerless

**1994 Recipients**

AA – Billings West  
A – Colstrip  
B – Fort Benton  
C – Peerless

**1995 Recipients**

AA – Missoula Sentinel  
A – Colstrip  
B – Fort Benton  
C – Peerless

**1996 Recipients**

AA – Missoula Sentinel  
A – Colstrip  
B – Fort Benton  
C – Peerless

**1997 Recipients**

AA – Missoula Sentinel  
A – Colstrip  
B – Fort Benton  
C – Peerless

**1998 Recipients**

AA – Billings Skyview  
A – Colstrip  
B – Fort Benton  
C – Roberts

**1999 Recipients**

AA – Billings Senior  
A – Colstrip  
B – Fort Benton  
C – Roberts

**2000 Recipients**

AA – Missoula Sentinel  
A – Fergus (Lewistown)  
B – Cut Bank  
C – Turner

**2001 Recipients**

AA – Billings Senior  
A – Fergus (Lewistown)  
B – Baker  
C – Turner

**2002 Recipients**

AA – Billings Skyview  
A – Colstrip  
B – Choteau  
C – Turner

**2003 Recipients**

AA – Butte  
A – Bigfork  
B – Cut Bank  
C – Chester

**2004 Recipients**

AA – Butte  
A – Bigfork  
B – Cut Bank  
C – Chester

**2005 Recipients**

AA – Butte  
A – Butte Central  
B – Cut Bank  
C – Lustre Christian

**2006 Recipients**

AA – Butte  
A – Butte Central  
B – Cut Bank  
C – Moore

**2007 Recipients**

AA – Butte  
 A – Billings Central  
 B – Cut Bank  
 C – Moore

**2008 Recipients**

AA – Billings Skyview  
 A – Billings Central  
 B – Valley Christian (Missoula)  
 C – Chester-Joplin-Inverness

**2009 Recipients**

AA – Glacier (Kalispell)  
 A – Butte Central  
 B – Colstrip  
 C – Chester-Joplin-Inverness

**2010 Recipients**

AA – Glacier (Kalispell)  
 A – Butte Central  
 B – Three Forks  
 C – Lavina

**2011 Recipients**

AA – Missoula Sentinel  
 A – Billings Central  
 B – Manhattan Christian  
 C – Chester-Joplin-Inverness

**2012 Recipients**

AA – Missoula Hellgate  
 A – Billings Central  
 B – Florence-Carlton  
 C – Chester-Joplin-Inverness

**2013 Recipients**

AA – Glacier (Kalispell)  
 A – Butte Central  
 B – Joliet  
 C – Judith Gap

**2014 Recipients**

AA – Glacier (Kalispell)  
 A – Butte Central  
 B – Jefferson (Boulder)  
 C – Stanford

**2015 Recipients**

AA – Billings Senior  
 A – Butte Central  
 B – Joliet  
 C – Grass Range

**2016 Recipients**

AA – Billings Skyview  
 A – Butte Central  
 B – Florence-Carlton  
 C – Simms

**2017 Recipients**

AA – Bozeman  
 A – Butte Central  
 B – Joliet  
 C – Grass Range

**2018 Recipients**

AA – Bozeman  
 A – Butte Central  
 B – Jefferson (Boulder)  
 C – Fairview

**2019 Recipients**

AA – Billings Skyview  
 A – Libby  
 B – Bigfork  
 C – Winnett

**2020 Recipients**

AA – Bozeman  
 A – Whitefish  
 B – Bigfork  
 C – Plevna

**2021 Recipients**

AA – Billings Skyview  
 A – Billings Central  
 B – Huntley Project  
 C – Whitewater

**2022 Recipients**

AA – Billings Senior  
 A – Billings Central  
 B – Jefferson (Boulder)  
 C – Grass Range

**2023 Recipients**

AA – Glacier (Kalispell)  
 A – Beaverhead County (Dillon)  
 B – Florence-Carlton  
 C – Drummond

**MIAAA AWARD OF MERIT**

The MHSA/MIAAA Gold Pass is a gesture of appreciation by the MHSA and the Montana Interscholastic Athletic Administrator Association (MIAAA) to Montana Athletics Directors who have made significant contributions to the MHSA and the MIAAA organizations. The award includes a gold lifetime pass to all MHSA activities.

**2001 Inaugural Recipients**

1. Joe Russell – Laurel
2. Terry Peterson – Froid
3. Gene Boyle – Kalispell
4. Jim Grant – Great Falls
5. Cecil Warren – Helena
6. Phil Robinson – Richey
7. Lander J. Fred – Billings
8. Ronald E. Ewing – Sidney

**2002 Recipients**

1. Jim Dutcher – Billings
2. Bill Kambich – Butte
3. Frank Kibbee – Alberton
4. Charlie Klimas – Havre

**2003 Recipients**

[no awards presented]

**2004 Recipients**

1. Jim Baldwin – Alberton
2. Lew Morris – Billings

**2005 Recipients**

1. Bob Farrell – Glasgow
2. Ron Adams – Hardin
3. Scott McDonald – Helena

**2006 Recipients**

1. Glenn Flatt – Malta

**2007 Recipients**

1. Dan Martin – Billings
2. Bill Osborne – Butte
3. Dave Williams – Billings

**2008 Recipients**

1. Liz Flikkema – Manhattan Christian
2. Jim Opitz – Helena

**2009 Recipients**

1. Denny Davis – Fairfield

**2010 Recipients**

1. Rollie Rieger – Belgrade



**2011 Recipients**

1. Dave Marsh – Sheridan

**2012 Recipients**

1. Steve Crosby – Roundup

**2013 Recipients**

1. Mike Gear – Sidney
2. Ted Schreiber – Custer Co. (Miles City)
3. Scott Whaley – Missoula Sentinel

**2014 Recipients**

1. Gary DeGooyer, Great Falls Public Schools
2. Stan Juneau, Browning High School

**2015 Recipients**

[no award presented]

**2016 Recipients**

[no award presented]

**2017 Recipients**

1. Gary Haverfield – Beaverhead Co. (Dillon)
2. Don Paulson – Cut Bank
3. Tim Tharp – Hobson

**2018 Recipients**

1. Jim Opitz – Helena
2. Gary DeGooyer – Great Falls

**2019 Recipients**

[no awards presented]

**2020 Recipients**

1. Dennis Murphy – Havre High School
2. Mark Ator – Bozeman High School
3. Jim Carrol – Conrad High School

**2021 Recipients**

1. Bob Hogemark – Park City High School

**2022 Recipients**

[no awards presented]

**2023 Recipients**

[no awards presented]

**MILDRED ADAMS AWARD**

This award was initiated by the MHSA Executive Board to commence with the 2000-2001 year and will be presented by the MHSA Executive Board to schools' support staff personnel in recognition of their assistance with student activities.

**2001 Inaugural Recipients**

1. Mildred Adams – Glasgow
2. LaVerne Combo – Butte
3. Martha Sorensen - Great Falls

**2002 Recipients**

1. Kelli Kesler – Helena
2. Joan Moodry – Anaconda
3. Shirley Rehling - Laurel

**2003 Recipients**

1. JoAnn Barnette - Hardin
2. Diane Blevins - Billings
3. Rae Deschamps – Albion
4. Julie Glasson - Billings

**2004 Recipients**

1. Fran Effertz – Helena
2. Patty Saylor – Albion

**2005 Recipients**

1. Zella Farrell – Glasgow
2. Nancy Mason - Park (Livingston)

**2006 Recipients**

[no awards presented]

**2007 Recipients**

1. Sharon Clelland - Custer Co. (Miles City)
2. Cindy Hardy – Billings

**2008 Recipients**

1. Rich Helterbran – Laurel
2. Mel McKittrick – Ennis
3. Ken Watson – North Star

**2009 Recipients**

1. Bill Herbolich - Whitehall

**2010 Recipients**

[no award presented]

**2011 Recipients**

[no award presented]

**2012 Recipients**

1. Blanche Craig - Colstrip

**2013 Recipients**

1. Doug Dyk – Manhattan Christian

**2014 Recipients**

1. Lisa Henry – Great Falls Public Schools

**2015 Recipients**

[no award presented]

**2016 Recipients**

1. Karen Rommick – Roundup
2. Jim Nielsen - Plentywood

**2017 Recipients**

1. Brenda Huston – Great Falls

**2018 Recipients**

1. Brenda Asher – Manhattan Christian

**2019 Recipients**

1. Pat Powers – Butte High

**2020 Recipients**

1. Joyce Harvey – Froid

**2021 Recipients**

[no award presented]

**2022 Recipients**

1. Janet Swanson – Belfry & Forsyth

**2023 Recipients**

1. Margi Corey – Choteau
2. Sally Haas - Choteau

**LES IRISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Northwestern Scholastic Insurers sponsored this scholarship from 2007-2014 in memory of Robert "Les" Irish, longtime executive officer of the MHSA and steadfast enthusiast of high school activities. The Montana High School Association administers the scholarship program on behalf of Northwestern Scholastic Insurers. One male and one female are awarded the scholarship on an annual basis. (discontinued after 2014)

**2007 Inaugural Recipients**

1. Chase Berg - Custer Co. (Miles City)
2. Jillian Hoblitt - Belgrade

**2008 Recipients**

1. Shane Donaldson – Thompson Falls
2. Jenny Snipstead – Flathead (Kalispell)

**2009 Recipients**

1. Chisholm Christensen – Hinsdale
2. Kayla Neumiller - Colstrip

**2010 Recipients**

1. Connor Fuller – Glacier (Kalispell)
2. Whitney Peterson - Circle

**2011 Recipients**

1. Trevor Conrad – Dawson Co. (Glendive)
2. Emily Paffhausen – Beaverhead Co. (Dillon)

**2012 Recipients**

1. Haley Marie Swank – Chinook
2. Amanda Tharp - Sunburst

**2013 Recipients**

1. Joy Noel Quackenbush – Missoula Sentinel
2. Daniel Romero - Ronan

**2014 Recipients** [Final Year]

1. Zach Dennehy – Glacier (Kalispell)
2. Kara Lee Gerke – Belt