

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 **seven (7)** 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 **\$57.00** 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.
 - B. **State** – Certificates will be issues for every event in the state festival.
 - 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 3rd – 8th 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 MHSAs 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 MHSAs 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.
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 MHSAs tournament participated in by the school. The trophy, if awarded, must be ordered through the MHSAs office.
2. **Individual** - No individual awards are to be presented.

E. Tournament Basketball

At MHSAs 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 MHSAs 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 3rd – 15th place medals since no team trophies are awarded in Class AA.
 2. Class A – Western and Eastern division purchase medals for 3rd – 15th.
 3. Class B – Western division purchases medals for 3rd and 4th 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 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 4th place medals because no team trophies are awarded in Class AA.
 2. Class A – Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest divisions purchase medals for 3rd - 4th place.
 3. Class B/C – Boys' Central, Northwest, and Southwest divisions purchase medals for 3rd - 4th place. Girls' Central, East, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest purchase medals for 3rd - 4th 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 3rd – 6th place medals since no team trophies are awarded in Class AA.
2. Class A – Western and Eastern division purchases medals for 3rd – 6th place.
3. Class B – Western division purchases medals for 3rd – 6th place.
4. Class C – Eastern, Northern, Southern, and Western division purchases medals for 3rd – 6th 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.
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, 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 – place winners for the boys and girls in each division. Exceptions:
 4. Class AA – MHSA will purchase 3rd – 6th place medals since no team trophies are awarded in Class AA.
 5. Class A – Western and Eastern division purchases medals for 3rd – 6th.
 6. Class B/C – Western and Eastern division purchases medals for 3rd - 8th 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 four classifications AA, A, B and C.
2. **Individual** - A medal will be awarded to each of the top six place winners in each weight class at the three boys, state tournaments, AA, A and B-C. **A medal will be awarded to each of the top eight place winners in each weight class in the girls' classification.** 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 MHS Executive Board for "Outstanding Contributions to MHS Activities." This is the highest award given by the MHS. 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 MHS Executive Director.

- 1979-80 - James L. Dutcher, Athletic Director, Billings Public Schools
1980-81 - Mildred B. Adams, MHS 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, MHS 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, MHS Executive Director
James C. Haugen, MHS 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 MHS Executive Director, Helena
Scott McDonald, Athletic Director, Bozeman High School
2004-05 - Joanne Austin, MHS 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, MHS 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 MHS Legal Counsel

- Janie Holmes, Retired MHS Business Manager
Theresa Stanisich, Retired MHS 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 MHS Wrestling Rules Interpreter
Doug Reisig, Retired Superintendent Hellgate Elementary
2023-24 - Mark Ator, Activities Director, Bozeman Public Schools
Merle Gunderson, Great Falls Public Schools
Dennis Murphy, Retired Activities Director, Havre
2024-25 Mark Wahl, Retired Activities Director, Billings

SERVICE CITATION AWARD

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

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, MHS 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 Lawton, 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 Tharp, 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

2024 Recipients

1. Chris Hayden, MSU-Bozeman
2. Hank Eekhoff, Manhattan Christian
3. Kathy Eekhoff, Manhattan Christian

2025 Recipients

1. *Mike Ryan, Billings Central*
2. *Luke Kloker, Fairview*
3. *Shawn Holmes, Seeley-Swan*
4. *John Polich, Miles City*
5. *Ron Osborne, Columbus*
6. *Jim Hawbaker, Billings Central*

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award was initiated by the MHS 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

2024 Recipients

AA – Glacier (Kalispell)
A – Billings Central
B – Florence-Carlton
C – Whitewater

2025 Recipients

AA – Glacier (Kalispell)
A – Billings Central
B – Florence-Carlton
C – Winnett

MIAAA AWARD OF MERIT

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

2024 Recipients

[No awards presented]

2025 Recipient

1. *Nate Achenbach – Great Falls CMR*

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 – Alberton
4. Julie Glasson - Billings

2004 Recipients

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

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

2024 Recipients

1. Julie Caster – Huntley Project
2. Sandie Hodgkiss – Choteau
3. Marlene Krum – Huntley Project

2025 Recipients

1. *Scott Smart – Great Falls*
2. *Todd Bailey – Lavina*
3. *Darrel Neese – Miles City*

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