Applications are encouraged from non-traditional students, international students, veterans, and students from all racial and ethnic backgrounds. College transfer students and currently enrolled students at UM with a record of strong academic performance are also encouraged to apply.

DEADLINE: Applications submitted by the first Friday in December will be considered for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship. Applications submitted after the first Friday in December will be considered for admission to the DHC, but not for the Presidential Leadership Scholarship. Interested students should apply to both the Davidson Honors College and the University of Montana.

Think about what majors or academic areas interest you.
Explore what you want to do after you graduate.
Engage in reflection and problem solving.
Join us to continue thinking, exploring, and engaging.

For UM’s premier freshman scholarship, Presidential Leadership Scholars (PLS) are chosen solely on academic merit. Approximately 25 PLS awards are made each year to incoming freshmen. The PLS is a four-year renewable scholarship for resident and non-resident students. Resident students receive a full tuition waiver. Non-resident students either have their tuition discounted through the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUX) program, or they receive a waiver equivalent to in-state tuition. All PLS recipients also receive a stipend.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible candidates must be recent high school graduates who have not previously enrolled as a regular college or university student. Students must apply by the first Friday in December to be considered for the PLS.

QUEST PROGRAM

Questions for Undergraduates Exploring Social Topics (QUEST) is a unique, student-founded program.

Through QUEST, students work directly with the DHC, the Office of the Mayor of Missoula, and the Missoula community to research, design, and present policy solutions to a major, cross-disciplinary challenge facing the Missoula community.

The winning QUEST team receives a scholarship and an internship with the City of Missoula.

Recent challenges include:
• Affordable housing in Missoula
• Sustainability and zero waste in Missoula

MEET SOME OF OUR DHC STUDENTS

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AREAS OF STUDY: Pre-Veterinary Sciences
FUN FACT: Serena is inspired by Jane Goodall. Serena recalls the first time she backpacked the Bob Marshall Wilderness with the Wild Kids Program.

“I’m a junior now. All my roommates the last two years I met in Knowles, when I was a freshman.”

NOAH HILL

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OUR MISSION IS TO:
• attract exceptional students from across our state and around the world to UM
• develop engaged citizens and professionals who excel in critical thinking, communication, collaboration, problem solving, ethical reasoning and civic engagement
• serve as a hub of intellectual service and social activity for students, staff and faculty across the UM campus

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OFFERS HONORS COURSES CAPPED AT 20 STUDENTS PER CLASS

AWARDS $50,000 IN SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIPS, RESEARCH AND STUDY ABOARDS EXPERIENCES EACH YEAR

Provides 1-on-1 mentorship, advising and career development support to ALL honors students

Supports 125+ student presentations and creative projects each year

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• dedicated advising to support students in developing and accomplishing their postgraduate goals
• scholarship support for study abroad, national and international competitions, research, internships, etc.
• mentorship and guidance in undergraduate research projects

Students who graduate as University Scholars participate in at least eight honors experiences. Honors experiences include, but are not limited to, research, interdisciplinary studies, creative scholarship, and paid internship opportunities such as create-your-own honors courses, out-of-class experiences, and a capstone research or creative scholarship project.

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