

**Kim Latrielle Award of Excellence Scholarship Form**

Missoula Chamber of Commerce

**Award Nomination Guidelines:**

*This set of criteria aims to ensure that the scholarship supports a well-rounded individual who demonstrates leadership, community involvement, and a genuine financial need to achieve their educational and career aspirations.*

Leadership and Involvement:

* Demonstrated leadership qualities through participation in school activities, community service, or extracurricular activities.
* Active involvement in at least two extracurricular activities, such as student government, sports teams, clubs, or volunteer organizations.
* A letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, or community leader attesting to the applicant's leadership qualities and involvement (all welcome).

Financial Need:

* Statement explaining your financial situation and the necessity of this scholarship to pursue your educational goals.
* Additional documentation may be requested to support the financial need claim.

Personal Statement:

* A personal essay (500-750 words) outlining the applicant’s career goals, how they have demonstrated leadership and involvement during high school, and how the scholarship will help them achieve their dreams and goals.

Additional Considerations:

* Preference may be given to applicants who have overcome significant personal or family challenges.
* Special consideration may be given to applicants pursuing fields of study that align with the business interests of the Missoula Chamber member businesses.
* Special consideration may be given to students who have had family members contribute with volunteerism and financial support of the Chamber.

Eligibility Criteria:

*To be eligible for the Kim Latrielle Award of Excellence Scholarship, applicants must:*

* Applicant must be a dependent of an employee, family member or owner of a Missoula Chamber current member.
* Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the current academic year of fall annual banquet.
* Applicant must be planning to attend a college, trade school, or two-year college or any continuing education in the following academic year.
* Minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
* Submission of high school transcript, athletic involvement, leadership involvement, volunteerism.

Selection Process:

* Applications will be reviewed by a committee of representatives from the Missoula Chamber of Commerce including Kim Latrielle, for which the award was created.
* Selection will be based on the strength of the leadership and involvement demonstrated, financial need, and the personal statement.

Timeline:

**August - September 16th Nominations Accepted**

**September - Nominations Reviewed, Recipient Notified**

**Wednesday, October 23 - Annual Banquet, Recipient Honored**

The Kim Latrielle Award of Excellence Scholarship recipient will receive two complimentary tickets to the Annual Banquet where they will be announced as the award recipient. Award recipient information for this category will not be released publicly until after the Award night.

Terms of the Scholarship:

* The recipient must provide proof of enrollment before the funds are disbursed.
* The scholarship must be used within one year of award notification.

APPLICATION FORM:

*Forms must be received by September 16th, 2024 for consideration.*

#### *Applicant Information:*

* **Name:**
* **Address:**
* **City, State, ZIP Code:**
* **Phone Number:**
* **Email Address:**
* **High School Name:**
* **Graduation Date:**
* **Parent/Guardian Name:**
* **Relationship to Missoula Chamber Member Business:**
* **Missoula Chamber Member Business Name:**
* **Business Address:**

#### *Eligibility:*

* **Are you a high school senior graduating in the current academic year?** [ ] Yes [ ] No
* **Are you a dependent of an employee, family member, or owner of a Missoula Chamber member business?** [ ] Yes [ ] No
* **Do you plan to attend a college, trade school, two-year college, or any continuing education program in the following academic year?** [ ] Yes [ ] No

#### *Academic Achievement:*

* **Current GPA (on a 4.0 scale):**
* **Attach high school transcript.**

#### *Leadership and Involvement:*

* **List your extracurricular activities (include roles and responsibilities):**
  + Activity 1:
  + Activity 2:
  + Activity 3:
* **Attach a letter(s) of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, or community leader attesting to your leadership qualities and involvement.**

#### *Financial Need:*

* **Attach a statement explaining your financial situation and the necessity of this scholarship to pursue your educational goals.**
* **Additional documentation may be requested to support the financial need claim.**

#### *Personal Statement:*

* **Attach a personal essay (500-750 words) outlining your career goals, how you have demonstrated leadership and involvement during high school, and how this scholarship will help you achieve your dreams and goals.**

#### *Additional Considerations:*

* **Have you overcome significant personal or family challenges? If yes, please explain:**
* **Are you pursuing a field of study that aligns with the business interests of Missoula Chamber member businesses? If yes, please explain:**
* **Have your family members contributed with volunteerism and financial support to the Chamber? If yes, please describe:**

#### *Application Checklist:*

* Completed scholarship application form
* High school transcript
* Letter(s) of recommendation
* Financial need statement
* Personal statement (500-750 words)
* Any additional supporting documents

#### *Submission Information:*

* **Submit all application materials (email, mail, or drop off) by September 9th, 2024 to:** Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce  
  Attn: Bailey Clarke / Kim Latrielle Award of Excellence Scholarship  
  MAIL: P.O Box 7577 Missoula, MT 59807-7577

DROP OFF: 825 E Front St, Missoula, MT 59802  
EMAIL: [baileyc@missoulachamber.com](mailto:baileyc@missoulachamber.com)