Montana Wilderness Association is proud to offer six $500 college scholarships to two students each in Flathead, Sanders, Lincoln and Lake Counties who outstandingly demonstrate their love of and commitment to public lands via short essay, poetry, story, or any other written form. The award winners will be determined by the Montana Wilderness Association, Flathead-Kootenai Chapter Board of Directors.

*All scholarship applicants must be planning to attend Flathead Valley Community College or Salish Kootenai College.

Applications are due Friday, April 17, 2020

Application Requirements:

1. The applicant must be a current student in a Flathead, Sanders, Lincoln or Lake County high school with plans of graduating and enrolling at FVCC or SKC in the fall of 2020. The scholarship award money must be used to assist with tuition and fees.
2. Please include your name, high school, email address and phone number at the top of your application.
3. Please provide an introduction of yourself in a short paragraph at the beginning of your application. Describe your future plans, goals, current student involvement and any extracurricular activities that interest you.
4. Please read the following quote from environmental activist Greta Thunberg who was Time’s youngest ever Person of the Year in 2019 and a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize: "The moment we decide to fulfil something, we can do anything." - Houses of Parliament, UK, 23 April 2019. Given Greta's tireless efforts to encourage stronger action regarding climate change, please discuss in written form for up to two pages what environmental issue(s) are important to you and your community. Topics may include protection of public lands, wilderness, wildlife habitat, clean water, etc. - or anything you would like.

Application Process:

1. Students must submit their application via email to Stephanie Rost at sarost@ymail.com by April 17, 2020. Applications should be sent as an email attachment, preferably in .pdf format. Please include “2020 scholarship application” in the subject line of the email.
2. Questions may be directed to Amy Pearson at amy.pearson@asu.edu.
3. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
4. The board of directors will deliberate on the winner of the scholarship in May, at which point applicants will be notified.
5. With consent, winning writings will be printed in the local news and/or on MWA’s website wildmontana.org