

Dear Summit County Gardening Club and Ferol Menzel,

Thank you so much for the scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 towards my future education at Montana State University. I am very lucky that you chose me out of the pile this year, and I will not disappoint. This money will go directly towards furthering my education in college, especially towards funding interesting and invigorating classes.

Getting to meet Ferol Menzel and take a picture together was a wonderful treat. It made the whole rest of the ceremony so much better, knowing that there was a real face behind the donation. Your gift of the shovel and gloves will definitely be used around my house in our gardens this summer. When this snow stops, my mom and I will begin planting all the beautiful varieties of johnny-jump ups (my favorite) and pink yarrow. Even my fellow classmates were glad I got this award because they know how much the outdoors and the beauty of nature mean to me.

In beginning my education at MSU, I have chosen to go in Undecided or their equivalent, called "University Studies". I believe this is my best option because I am driven towards several areas and also by the thrill of learning. I have considerable interest in several fields such as Biology, Biomedical Science/Nursing and International Studies which Montana State has great connections to. By giving me this scholarship, you have not only opened the door for higher education, but all of the other opportunities that college offers. I already plan to take a year abroad. In doing so, I hope to improve my Spanish, expand my knowledge of different cultures around the world, and provide the expertise I've gained. Montana State has a large selection of places I can explore internationally.

Also, Bozeman is my dream town, and your contribution helped me to be able to venture outside of the Colorado school choices. Bozeman is the perfect college town with a tight knit community nestled in the mountains. Not only are there opportunities for me to get connected with local organizations, I will be able to continue pursuing my love for the outdoors.

The generous donation of \$2,000 will not stop at the doors of Summit High School. It will take me into a profession where I can serve my community, and show my gratitude through action. With your support, I can make an impact in this world, and I could not be more excited.

Sincerely,

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