

To: Montana State Library Commission
From: PEEL Advisory Committee (prepared by Sue Jackson)
Date: May 12, 2006
Re: Scholarship recommendations

Seven members of the Professional Education and Employment for Librarians (PEEL) Advisory Committee met in Helena on April 25, 2006, to consider applications received for the PEEL II Montana Library Scholarship Program. Twenty-four complete applications were received and reviewed by Committee members. Each application received careful consideration and detailed discussion by the Committee during the meeting. The University of Washington supplied a listing of the preliminary admission status for Montana scholarship applicants and this information was considered during the Advisory Committee's review.

To provide additional information, a list of the PEEL Advisory Committee members and the Montana Library Scholarship Program application form are also being sent to the Commission.

Caroline Bitz is the Commission's representative on the PEEL Advisory Committee. Caroline was unable to attend the April 25 meeting, but she has reviewed all of the applications and the Committee's selection for scholarship awards and is in agreement with the recommendations given below:

I. **Recommended** for the ten scholarship awards on condition of official acceptance into the University of Washington's Information School (given in alphabetical order):

Michelle Fenger (bookmobile librarian, Lake County Libraries)
Brett Fisher (technology coordinator, Flathead County Library)
Melissa Hart (UM Wildlife Research Unit biologist)
Nancy Hatfield (substitute staff, Bozeman Public Library)
Stef Johnson (library assistant/systems technician, Flathead County Library)
Desiree Olson ((legal document coder, Missoula)
Lee Phillips (librarian/teacher, Highwood Public Schools)
Kathryn Robins (technology consultant, Billings)
Sheree West (assistant librarian, Big Sky Community Library)
Brenda Wilson (teacher, Sacagawea Middle School, Bozeman)

II. **Alternates** for scholarship awards on condition of official acceptance to the UW graduate program (listed in order):

1. **Khrys Suckow** (library director, Joliet Public Library)
2. **Megan Stark** (library technician, UM Library)
3. **Ryli Clark** (senior, Washington State University/Helena resident)

III. **Not recommended** for a scholarship award:

Melissa Erving (state employee, Department of Transportation)

Mary Gerlach (senior, MSU-Bozeman/cook for guest ranch, Big Timber)

Martha Haxby (bank bookkeeper, Dillon)

Kay Jorgenson (librarian/teacher, North Star/KG Public Schools, Rudyard)

Christine Perry (primary caregiver, St. Joseph Catholic School, Missoula)

Rachel Rockafellow (nurse in private practice/instructor at MSU-Bozeman)

Claudia Rowland (teacher, Cleveland Elementary School, Chinook)

Brooke Snow (administrative assistant at MSU-Billings financial aid office)

Cheryl Tallant (medical transcription at hospital/community college instructor, Kalispell)

Jeanine Taylor (consumer loan operation supervisor, Billings)

Megan Thomas (senior, MSU-Bozeman)