



MIB ICBA CONVENTION

SCHOLARSHIP 2026 APPLICATION

In order to provide our member banks with a unique educational opportunity and member benefit, the Montana Independent Bankers Association ("MIB") announces the MIB ICBA Convention Scholarship. This scholarship will help our member banks attend the ICBA Annual Convention, held in San Diego, CA from March 6-9, 2026, by covering the convention's registration fee.

QUALIFICATIONS

The applicant must have three years minimum banking experience and currently employed by a MIB member bank. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, or a permanent resident with a permanent resident ID card or current passport. Only one scholarship award per recipient will be granted. MIB requires that the scholarship be used during the year it was awarded. The association encourages the winner to attend the PAC auction held during the national convention in order to support our federal advocacy efforts.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The amount of the scholarship is \$1,175, the cost of registration for ICBA's 2026 Convention prior to February 3rd. Scholarship funds will be paid to the member bank following the 2026 ICBA Convention by submitting a copy of the recipient's convention registration to MIB for payment.

Applications will be accepted by the Montana Independent Bankers until **January 21, 2026**. Qualifying applications will be forwarded to a representative of Pinion, a disinterested third party, for review and selection, and nominees will be informed of their decision by **February 3, 2026**.

REQUESTED FOLLOW-UP BY RECIPIENT

In an effort to improve this member benefit for future scholarship recipients, the Board of MIB asks that the scholarship recipient attend the Board meeting at MIB's annual convention to give an informal summary of their ICBA convention experience and make any suggestions on how it could be improved.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT

The completed application and associated documents become MIB property. By signing below, permission is granted to MIB and Pinion representative to request and/or verify information in this application. I acknowledge that I meet each of the qualification requirements listed. I will notify MIB of any change in address, phone number, or email address. If selected, I consent that my image may be used for any purpose necessary to promote MIB's community banking mission.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Current Job Title: _____ Position Start Date: _____

Current Duties and Responsibilities: _____

Bank Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

MAIL OR EMAIL APPLICATION TO:

Montana Independent Bankers, P.O. Box 4893, Helena, MT 59604-4893, shane.d.scanlon@gmail.com, (406) 449-7444.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Please explain why you are interested in attending how your experience qualifies you. Include information about your career goals. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

List all prior banking/financial industry positions you have held. Total time in banking: _____ years _____ months.

Position/Title: _____ From/To: _____

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Please describe your involvement in MIB Association activities or other financial industry groups or education programs.

ENDORSEMENT BY YOUR BANK *To be completed by your bank President and/or CEO.*

Our bank endorses this nominee and requests consideration of him/her for this year’s Montana Independent Bankers Scholarship because:

Name: _____

Title: _____ Bank Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____