



MIB WASHINGTON D.C. ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP 2026 APPLICATION

In order to provide our member banks with a unique educational opportunity and member benefit, the Montana Independent Bankers Association ("MIB") is pleased to announce the creation of a new scholarship program. This new MIB scholarship is designed to help one of our member bankers attend the ICBA D.C. Advocacy Summit to be held in Washington D.C. May 4-7, 2026. The scholarship will cover the amount of round trip airfare from Montana to Washington D.C. up to \$850.00.

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 contribute to the MIB and/or ICBA PACs in order to support our state and federal advocacy efforts.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The amount of the scholarship is limited to covering up to \$850.00 in air travel expenses to attend the ICBA Advocacy Summit in Washington D.C. Scholarship funds will be paid to the member bank following the 2025 Advocacy Summit by submitting a copy of the recipient's air travel receipt to MIB for reimbursement.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applications will be accepted by the Montana Independent Bankers until **March 4, 2026**. Applications may be either mailed or emailed to the following:

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

Qualifying applications will be forwarded to a representative of Pinon, P.C., a disinterested third party, for review and selection, and nominees will be informed of their decision by **March 17, 2026**.

REQUESTED FOLLOW-UP BY RECIPIENT

In an effort to improve this member benefit for future scholarship recipients, the Board of MIB requests that the scholarship recipient attend the Board meeting at MIB's annual convention to be held in Big Sky in July to give an informal summary of their ICBA DC Advocacy Summit experience and to make any suggestions on how the experience was beneficial and/or could be improved.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT

The completed application and associated documents become MIB property. By signing below, permission is granted to MIB and Pinon 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.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Current Job Title: _____

Bank Name: _____ Position Start Date: _____

Duties and Responsibilities: _____

Bank Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

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:

Position/Title: _____ From/To: (Years, Months) _____

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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: _____ Bank Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____