

The Wednesday Reader

November 6, 2019

Final State CTE/VoEd Allocations Posted; Funds Deposited to County Treasurers Friday, November 1

The final allocations for 2020 State CTE/VoEd funding are now posted on the CTE page of the OPI website at <http://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Teaching-Learning/Career-Technical-Education-CTE/State-VoEd>. Funds for the 2019-2020 school year are posted in the [2020 Final VoEd Payment Detail by Legal Entity](#) report.

The State CTE/VoEd funding final allocations are generated based on the data entered into TEAMS (Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule) for the prior 2018-2019 school year and national membership numbers of Montana's sponsored Career & Technical Student Organizations.

The CTE tab in TEAMS was made available last April and districts were asked to complete a few additional items on the tab and review the details carefully to make sure the data was accurate.

The 2019-2020 State CTE/VoEd Funding allocations were provided to county treasurers on November 1 and should be available for districts.

NGPF PAYBACK Challenge: Over \$125,000 in Scholarships Available—Applications Due November 13

Want to give your students the opportunity to earn scholarships while simultaneously teaching them to make better money decisions about college? Enter the Payback Challenge from [Next Gen Personal Finance](#).

Watch the 90-second video for details at <https://youtu.be/frjM4JPYaU>.

How to participate in the PAYBACK Challenge

Step 1: Teachers Register Intent

--Once you've filled out this [Intent to Participate](#) form, you will receive the Essay Template for your students as well as next steps.

Step 2: Students Play [PAYBACK](#)

--Do you have ELL students? [PAYBACK can also be played in Spanish](#).

--Short on computers in your classroom? PAYBACK is now mobile-friendly!

Step 3: Students Write a Short Essay Addressing One (1) of Two (2) Prompts

1) Write a letter to your future self that you will open after your freshman year of college, reminding you of the key skills you will need to thrive during your college years.

or

2) How could you use the online game, PAYBACK, to have a conversation with your parent/guardian about paying for college?

Step 4: Teacher Nominates and Submits One Student Essay

--You will receive an email with instructions on how and where to send in nominations after you register

Application Deadline: 11:59 pm (PST), November 13, 2019.

Each state will be represented on the podium. That's right, NGPF is aiming to award scholarships to students from every state.

Cash Prizes:

--National Grand Prize Winners: 10 at \$5,000 each

--Honorable Mention Awards: 100+ at \$500 each

Western Business Education Association Seeking Nominations for WBEA Secretary—Nominations Due November 15

The [Western Business Education Association](#) (WBEA) is currently seeking nominations for the office of Secretary. The office of Secretary is a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. The WBEA Secretary is a member of the WBEA Executive Board (WBEA Board) and the WBEA Executive Committee.

To be eligible for the office, nominees must be members of the National Business Education Association and have served on the WBEA Executive Board at least one full term during the past 10 years. Nominations must be submitted by November 15, 2019, to WBEA Past President Chris Liebelt-Garcia at chrisliebelt_garcia@yahoo.com. Nominees should plan to attend the WBEA 2020 Conference in Torrance, California.

The WBEA Secretary is responsible for taking minutes during the annual meeting of the WBEA Board, all meetings of the WBEA Executive Committee (during the WBEA conference, the WBEA Executive Committee Summer Meeting, and conference calls when needed), and the Outgoing/Incoming Officers & Directors meeting held towards the end of the WBEA conference. WBEA has funds to help support the WBEA Secretary's travel to the WBEA Executive Committee Summer meetings. The 2020 summer meeting will be held in Seattle and the 2021 summer meeting in California.

Additionally, the WBEA Secretary maintains and updates the WBEA directory of State, Territory, & Province officers & delegates, the WBEA Executive Committee Directory, and the WBEA Calendar of Events.

The WBEA Secretary also assists in the development of agendas for WBEA meetings and works with the WBEA President to arrange seating assignments for the WBEA Board meeting and general sessions during the WBEA conference.

Lastly, the WBEA Secretary maintains the records of meetings and events for the organization.

If interested, a template for the Resume Form for Nominees is available on page 44 of the [WBEA Policies and Procedures Manual](#) and can be downloaded from the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/wbea-documents.html>.

If you are interested and/or have questions about the office or the nomination process, you may contact current WBEA Secretary Eric Swenson at eswenson@mt.gov.

Registration is Now Open for the WBEA 2020 Conference in South Bay, CA

The Western Business Education Association's [2020 Conference](#) will be held February 14-17 in the South Bay area of southern California. The host site is the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach, just a short 10 miles south of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), three (3) miles from the Redondo Beach Pier and Pacific Ocean, and across the street from the third-largest shopping mall in the US, Del Amo Fashion Center.

The early bird registration rate for NBEA members is \$325 and is available thru December 7, 2019. This includes all breakouts, computer workshops, one industry tour, two receptions with food, a continental breakfast, the exhibitor's luncheon on Saturday, the awards banquet on Sunday. Your registration and payment can be completed online at bit.ly/wbea2020conference.

Hotel reservations at the Torrance Marriott Redondo Beach can be booked online at bit.ly/wbea2020marriott. Room rates for the [WBEA 2020 Conference](#) are \$155 plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be completed before January 23, 2020.

For complete [WBEA 2020 Conference](#) details, please visit bit.ly/wbea2020conference.

2020 NGPF Summit—Calling All Changemakers to San Francisco

[Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) announces the opening of applications for the [2020 NGPF Summit](#).

Are you passionate about increasing access to personal finance education? Motivated to affect change in your class, school, district or community? [Apply for NGPF's Summit today](#).

Who You Are: You understand the importance and value of personal finance education. You acknowledge that students must learn to manage money, create budgets, and build good credit habits to become financially secure adults in the "real world". You

are committed to improving financial education in your community and providing your students with the [Gold Standard](#) in personal finance education.

Who We Are: Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF), a non-profit, is a passionate team of educators delivering free personal finance curriculum, professional development, and advocacy support to over 24,000 teachers nationwide. Our [Mission: 2030](#) is simple: that by the year 2030, ALL high school students will take a one-semester personal finance course before graduating.

Together We Will: Transform the financial future of your community.

NGPF Summit Details:

When: Starting at 5 pm on Friday, March 13 and ending at 3 pm on Sunday, March 15, 2020

Where: JW Marriott Hotel, San Francisco CA

Cost: Roundtrip transportation to the conference hotel in San Francisco ONLY. The rest of the weekend, including accommodation and meals, will be underwritten by NGPF. (Limited, partial travel scholarships available)

What to Expect During the Summit: Join us for a weekend of networking and collaborating. You'll have the opportunity to plan and put into action how you will achieve the Gold Standard in your school or district over the next 18 months.

Applicants must

--Be current US high school personal finance teachers.

--Participate in all sessions during the 1 1/2-day professional development including a Welcome Dinner on Friday, March 13. The Summit will conclude at 3pm on Sunday, March 15, 2020.

--Submit a [completed application](#) by November 22, 2019.

Apply online at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebe_rkS4gVwnNLfgnZHhfqufPg_be1TMogGghVdAQnuj0sg/viewform.

National Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week—November 11-16, 2019

The National Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week, brought to you by the National Initiative for Cybersecurity (NICE), is pleased to announce the addition of new resources added to the nist.gov/nice/nccaw website. There are resources to help you plan an event, tips for exploring cybersecurity in your local community, and a wealth of content to help you explore what a cybersecurity practitioner does and the multiple career pathways to get into cybersecurity.

The National Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week focuses local, regional, and national interest to inspire, educate, and engage citizens to pursue careers in cybersecurity. National Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week takes place during November's [National Career Development Month](#). Each day of the campaign provides an opportunity to learn about the contributions and innovations of cybersecurity professionals and the plethora of job opportunities that can be found when exploring cybersecurity as a career choice.

During the week, learners of all ages, educators, parents, employers, and the community participate in a national recognition of how cybersecurity plays a vital role in the lives of Americans and how building a national cybersecurity workforce enhances America's national security and promotes economic prosperity.

Learn more about how you can get involved, host an event and get inspired by visiting nist.gov/nice/nccaw.

ACM/CSTA Cutler-Bell Award Applications Open

The [ACM/CSTA Cutler-Bell Prize in High School Computing](#) is a prize designed to recognize talented high school students intending to continue their higher education in the areas of computer science or technology. The program seeks to promote and encourage the field of computer science, as well as to empower young and aspiring learners to pursue computing challenges outside of the traditional classroom environment.

To apply for the Cutler-Bell Prize, applicants must be a graduating high school senior residing and attending school in the U.S. Challenges for the award will focus on developing an artifact that engages modern computing technology and computer science. Judges will look for submissions that demonstrate ingenuity, complexity, relevancy, originality, and a desire to further computer science as a discipline.

Up to four winners will be selected annually and each will be awarded a \$10,000 prize which will be administered through the financial aid department at the university the student will attend. [Applications are due January 12, 2020.](#)

Save the Date—Montana Financial Education Coalition 2020 Conference in Helena, Tuesday, February 25

The [Montana Financial Education Coalition](#) (MFEC) [2020 Conference](#) will be held on Tuesday, February 25 in Helena.

Every other year the MFEC hosts a financial education conference aimed at arming participants with knowledge, resources, and information to make sound financial decisions.

The 2020 Conference will be held at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial.

Visit the MFEC Conference page at www.mtmfec.org/programs-and-initiatives/conference/ to sign up to get email updates for the conference.

While on the MFEC website, be sure to also check out the Teacher Spotlights for Montana Business Educators [Steve Klimkiewicz](#) (Hellgate High School), [Janelle Berry](#) (Skyview High School), & [Jill Page](#) (Glasgow High School).

Scholarships and Awards from the Western Business Education Association—Including First-Time WBEA Attendees

Nominations for the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Awards and Scholarships are now being accepted.

Please consider nominating someone for one of the following.

Recipients will be recognized at the February WBEA Conference held in California, February 14-17, 2020.

NEW: First Time Attendee to the PDLT Scholarship

In addition to the First Time Attendee Scholarship, this scholarship is offered to those wishing to attend the annual WBEA Professional Development Leadership Training conference session. State board and general members are welcome to attend for leadership training.

First Time Attendee Scholarship

The First Time Attendee Scholarship is offered to those wishing to attend the annual WBEA conference for the first time who need financial assistance with the travel or conference registration fees.

Educational Opportunity Scholarship

To offset tuition costs of those pursuing an advanced degree in business education.

Applications and additional information for each scholarship can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/professional-development.html>

Distinguished Service

An individual who has contributed to WBEA and business education

Distinguished Service for Company, Company Representative, or Legislator

A company or individual who may not be affiliated with WBEA but has made significant contributions to business education

Outstanding Educator

Newsletter Recognition

State, Territories, Provinces (S/T/Ps) for maintaining contact with members regularly and promoting all aspects of the profession

Outstanding CTSO Advisor

WBEA Advisor for achievement, promotion, and service to Career and Technical Student Organizations

WBEA Recognition

Awarded by the state to those who make significant contributions to business education

Nomination information for each award can be found on the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/awards.html>.

Nominations and Applications for all scholarships and awards are due December 1 to Ariel Dykstra at adykstra@mvsd320.org.

Computer Science Professional Development via the OPI Learning Hub & Summer 2020 Workshops

Are you looking to earn your coding endorsement, or just want to learn more about the subject?

Take [Diving Into Computer Science: Tools for Every Grade](#), a four-renewal unit course on the OPI's Teacher Learning Hub.

In addition, check out the [two-week-long courses](#), Joy and Beauty of Computing (JBC), Mobile CSP, Python for Math & Science and Game Programming available to Montana middle and high school educators during the summer of 2020. A limited number of stipends and travel support are available, so register today.

Know an Awesome STEM/Computer Science Teacher?

Nominate them for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching ([PAEMST](#)).

The award is open to all K-12 teachers of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science. This year's awardees include Daly Elementary's Tom Redmon and East Valley Middle School's Beth Walsh.

The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2020. [Visit the PAEMST website](#) (www.paemst.org) for more information.

Registration Now Open for 2020 Montana High School Mock Trial Competition Sponsored by Montana Bar Association

Through participation in the Montana High School Mock Trial Competition, students from all over Montana have a hands-on opportunity to examine the legal process and current legal issues, engage with local attorneys and the judicial branch of government, and develop important critical thinking, presentation, public speaking, and teamwork skills.

Students play the roles of attorneys, witnesses, timekeepers, and courtroom artists (optional). Students prepare both sides of the case. A student may be an attorney for one side and a witness for the other, or an attorney for both sides, or a witness for both sides. Timekeepers keep the competition rounds on schedule. Courtroom artists provide a visual record of the proceedings.

Teachers help recruit team members, handle team logistics, assist with fundraising, and partner with attorney coaches to prepare students for the competition.

Attorneys provide a lawyer's perspective on the case materials and work with the teams to learn trial practice skills and develop trial strategies.

Mock Trial Quick Facts:

- Open to grades 9 to 12
- Teams of 6 to 9 students
- Students can play the role of an attorney, a witness, or both!
- State competition in Helena
- Earn a chance to compete in the National High School Mock Trial Competition in Evansville, Indiana

Important Dates:

- October 1-January 31, 2019: Registration Open
- November, 2019: Case Materials Released
- March 7, 2020: State competition in Helena
- May 6-9, 2020: National Championship in Evansville, Indiana

Registration: For more information, including volunteer opportunities and to register a team, please visit the Montana High School Mock Trial Website www.mocktrial.montanabar.org. For questions, please email mocktrial@montanabar.org.

If you have questions about putting together a team, you can email Kacey Askin, Helena High School, at kaskin@helenaschools.org.

Fun Facts and Trivia

The imbe is a small, bright orange, oblong fruit that is native to Africa

Imbe thrives on deep and sandy soils but also can tolerate salty soil, so they can grow near the ocean.

The fruits have a watery pulp, taste sweet, having a flavor much like that of the apricot, but are very acidic, and contain latex.

An antibacterial component has been found in the leaves of the imbe fruit.

The bark and root of the imbe tree can be used to treat meningitis, tuberculosis, and cancer.

Imbe can be eaten raw, crushed into a drink, seeded and dried, and cooked into desserts.

Imbe trees can be grown in the southern third of the US and along the west coast.

In the US, Florida is main growing area of imbe fruit.

Imbe trees usually fruits between July and August with the fruit ripening to a bright orange in August and is gone within two weeks.

The skin is quite tender, so shipping this fruit is not practical.

The evergreen-like imbe tree usually has one large trunk with other thick branches stemming from it, putting the fruit closer to the ground than if they grew off just the main trunk

The imbe tree's unique appearance makes it a popular choice in landscaping; in fact, imbe trees can be found at Mozambique's capitol and near Victoria Falls in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Imbe fruits can be found in the markets between the months of June and October, but ripen mostly during the month of August.

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"You don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they're right." ~Rev. Theodore Hesburgh