

### **Perkins Grant Deadline Extension**

For Perkins 2022-2023 grants, Superintendent Arntzen has graciously allowed an extension on the deadline to September 30, 2022. Grants will need to be completed and approved as quickly as possible to meet this new deadline.

In order to assist you with completing applications or making any corrections to returned applications the CTE Specialists will again be holding virtual [office hours on Zoom](#) September 6 through September 9, 2022 from 7 am to 4 pm. You can access that Zoom anytime during the day and one or more of the CTE team members will be available to help.

There are also resources on the OPI's [Perkins V webpage](#) to assist with applications.

- [Application PowerPoint Guide](#)
- [Perkins Local Use of Funds](#)
- [Preliminary Allocation Awards](#)
- [Fillable CLNA Update Assessment Worksheet](#)
- [Perkins Liaison List](#)
- [Egrants Login](#)
- [Perkins Virtual Office Zoom Link](#)

### **Registration Now Open for Montana ACTE Fall Institute 2022**

The Montana Association for Career & Technical Education invites you to join them and fellow Montana career and technical education professionals in Billings for the Montana ACTE Fall Institute 2022, October 20-21. [Register today](#).

Early registration is available thru September 16 with the ACTE member rate of \$155 for both days. Additional registration options are available including the First-Time Attendee and Retired member rate of \$70.

The [2022 Registration Packet](#) can be viewed on the [Professional Development](#) page of the Montana ACTE website.

The Montana ACTE Fall Institute 2022 will be held at the [Billings Hotel and Convention Center](#). Rooms can be reserved at \$99 plus tax & fees/night using the group ID Montana ACTE. The room block ends September 18.

### **Registration Now Open for the Fall 2022 edition of the Big Sky Biz Sim**

Montana's premiere student business simulation is back for the Fall Semester 2022. Registration is open for the [Big Sky Biz Sim by First Interstate Bank](#) with registration closing September 21 at 5 p.m.

This is an in-class business simulation where students make all of the operating decisions for their business to produce, sell, and distribute widgets.

The decision inputs are then matched against other teams competing across Montana for the highest stock market price at the end of eight quarters, (weeks in the simulation).

With the new partnership with First Interstate Bank, the game has been streamlined for teachers and modernized to manage against potential remote learning disruptions. The Biz Sim software and game has been in schools in Montana since 2000 with over 28,000 students participating with the support of the Montana State Chamber Foundation.

The Montana Council on Economic Education believes strongly in education through experiential learning. Students who participate will learn teamwork, communication, flexibility, problem solving, critical thinking and grit. All skills that will serve students and their future employers. When students experience the ups and downs of their profitability based on their decisions, they not only will be taught the fundamentals of managing a business, but set in a competition, the spark of entrepreneurship can be lit.

For additional information, resources, and registration, please visit the [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) website.

### **First NGPF Professional Development of the School Year—Cohort 27**

[Next Gen Persona Finance](#) (NGPF) announces registration is now open for the first certification course of the year, [Cohort 27](#). After educators earned over 1,000 NGPF Certifications this summer, these teacher-favorite courses are back on an evening schedule starting the week of Monday, September 12:

- Insurance ([Tuesdays 3-5 pm MDT](#))
- Consumer Skills (New) ([Tuesdays 5-7pm MDT](#))
- Credit ([Wednesdays 5-7 pm MDT](#))
- Cryptocurrency Basics ([Thursdays 3-5 pm MDT](#))

Here's how it works—attend two-hour interactive evening sessions once per week for five weeks, followed by a course exam. Educators who earn six or more NGPF Certifications get additional recognition with the lifetime NGPF Distinguished Educator Award.

About the new Consumer Skills Certification Course—in this new course, NGPF examines the lives of modern consumers. Participants explore targeted advertisements, social media influencers, deceptive web design elements, advanced scams and fraud threats, fake product reviews, and more. This fresh course corresponds to the popular Consumer Skills Units in the NGPF Middle School 9-Week Course and High School Semester Course. Help your students make confident, informed purchasing decisions in their increasingly online world.

[Register today to get certified in Consumer Skills](#). If participating in one of the courses, be sure to work with your district/school to receive OPI renewal units for hours completed.

### **Computer Science Teachers Association Announces the New Montana Chapter**

Montana now has a state-level chapter of the [Computer Science Teachers Association](#) (CSTA). [CSTA Montana](#) is a professional organization whose mission is to empower, engage, and advocate for K-12 teachers using computer science in their classrooms. As a member of CSTA Montana, you have the power to connect with over 19,000 CS teachers from around the globe as well as find strength in your local community here in Montana.

Basic [membership](#) in the [Computer Science Teachers Association](#) is free and provides access to all CSTA resources and events.

CSTA Montana will hold virtual and regional in-person meetings throughout the year to provide opportunities for networking, sharing resources, engaging in professional development, discussing best practices, and learning new content. The first virtual meeting will take place Wednesday, September 28, 4:30-6:30 pm (MDT). CSTA Montana hopes to see you there. More information will be shared regarding the agenda and the link for the virtual room as it gets closer. For now, please save that date.

CSTA Montana was recently approved by the national organization and have not yet fully set up their outreach technologies. Be sure to follow CSTA Montana on Twitter ([@CSTAMontana](#)) and check out the

chapter site ([montana.csteachers.org](http://montana.csteachers.org)) for more information. If you know of any events or would like to share some amazing things you do, please let them know at [Montana@csteachers.org](mailto:Montana@csteachers.org), and they will push it out through social media.

CSTA Montana is very excited to continue the state-wide push for computer science education that began with the creation of the Montana CS Standards by creating Montana's largest computer science department. CSTA Montana hopes that you will find a home here and be able to share what you do and use the ideas that others share. CSTA Montana is here to support you in your professional goals.

### **[NBEA Calls for 2023 Convention Session Proposals](#)**

The [National Business Education Association](#) (NBEA) 2023 Annual Convention will be held in Kansas City, April 3-6, 2023, and NBEA would like you to submit a proposal to present an educational session.

Chosen speakers will receive a \$100 discount on the convention registration. Act fast, as NBEA experienced a substantial increase in the number of proposals at the last convention, and are expecting the same for 2023.

[Make your proposal here](#) or find out more about the 2023 convention at [NBEA.org/Convention](http://NBEA.org/Convention). The deadline to submit proposals is October 15, 2022.

### **[Download Montana Business Ed Curriculum Resources Updated for 2022-2023](#)**

Several of files have been updated within the shared [Montana Business Education Curriculum Resources](#) Google Drive folder. You may bookmark the folder for future reference, [bit.ly/MTBusEd22-23](http://bit.ly/MTBusEd22-23).

Updates include the Montana Business Education Planning Calendar for 2022-2023 (item #1 in the folder) and the Business Professionals of America and DECA competitive event crosswalks within the Framework for Business Education in Montana. You can download the complete Framework (item #3) or just the Framework CTSO Crosswalks for 2022-2023 (item #4).

Additionally, you can download the TEAMS K-12 Course Codes Business & Marketing Education Manual for 2022-2023 (item #5) and a copy of the TEAMS Participation Report Worksheet to map your courses with the correct course codes and list current enrollments to assist with your school's TEAMS data for this year. TEAMS will open September 1 for 2022-2023 school year data entry and close on November 1.

Please be sure all the data entered into TEAMS for your courses is correct as this data is used in part to determine Perkins and State CTE funding.

### **[Resources & Simulations from Intuit for Accounting and Financial Literacy/Personal Finance](#)**

Are you teaching accounting or a financial literacy/personal finance course and are looking to connect students with some real-world applications? [Intuit](#) has resources and simulations you can use with your students for TurboTax, Mint, and QuickBooks.

Mint also comes with a downloadable Teacher Toolkits with curriculum and student activities.

Visit Intuit's [Job Readiness and Education site](#) today to get started.

### **[Aviation-Focused STEM Workshop for Montana Teachers](#)**

On October 7 and 8, 2022, the Montana Aeronautics Division of the Department of Transportation will host its annual Teacher Workshop. The Division has partnered with the Montana Learning Center (MLC) at

Canyon Ferry Lake to deliver the program and the curriculum is authorized to provide 20 renewal credits through the Office of Public Instruction. [Applications](#) are due September 15, 2022.

Teachers will receive instruction from Dr. Walter Woolbaugh of MSU, Ryan Hannahoe, Executive Director of the Learning Center, Chris Gillette, retired airline pilot and member of the MLC team, and Montana Aeronautics staff. The lessons will consist of aeronautics theory and principle-based demonstrations and experiments they can easily and affordably reproduce in the classroom for students. These ideas and experiments are designed to excite students about aviation while learning STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) principles that apply to everyday life. The goal of the workshop is for teachers to take their newfound passion for aviation and transfer it back to their students in their classrooms.

Introductory flights will kick-off the event along with tours of the Montana Air National Guard, an air ambulance operator, Helena College aircraft mechanic school, and the Helena Air Traffic Control Tower. On the second day, classroom activities and studies will take place at the Montana Learning Center.

Best of all, there is no cost to teachers.

### **2022-23 US Senate Youth Program Scholarships**

The 2022-23 U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP) Scholarship application period opened on August 22, 2022, to Montana Juniors and Seniors who meet the [USSYP qualifications](#).

Two students from Montana will be selected to receive one \$10,000 scholarship each, along with a required Washington Week Program, March 4-11, 2023. Attending the entire Washington Week public service and leadership program and the college scholarship are one, inseparable award.

The application is now open on the [OPI Student Scholarships & Student Exchange webpage](#) and must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm, October 3, 2022.

For questions, contact Kristen Bokovoy, USSYP Coordinator, at [Kristen.Bokovoy2@mt.gov](mailto:Kristen.Bokovoy2@mt.gov) 406.444.2417.

### **Nominations now being accepted for MBEA Awards Program**

The [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA) is now accepting [nominations](#) for Outstanding New Business Teacher, Outstanding Business Teacher, Distinguished Service Award, and Lifetime Achievement Award.

Awards will be presented during the MBEA Business Meeting during the [Montana ACTE Fall Institute](#) in Billings. The MBEA Business Meeting will be held Friday morning, October 21, from 8-9:30 am at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center.

Nominations can be [submitted online](#). For questions about the nomination process, please contact MBEA Past President [Calie Wineinger](#).

### **New CTE Professionals Workshop—FREE Professional Development for Those New to the CTE Classroom**

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022 via three (3) sessions—two (2) virtually and one (1) live, in-person—beginning Tuesday, September 20, via Zoom.

The [New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022](#) focuses on early-career professionals—specifically Career & Technical Education professionals within the first five (5) years in a Montana Career & Technical

Education classroom. Additionally, Montana CTE professionals who have participated in the past are invited to attend to enhance their classroom skills and knowledge of Career & Technical Education. School administrators and counselors who maybe new to or want to learn more about Career & Technical Education in Montana are also invited to attend.

This FREE professional learning opportunity will provide attendees with information on a variety of topics related to Career & Technical Education including

- Advisory committees,
- Classroom safety & liability,
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines,
- Dual Enrollment,
- Instructional strategies for the CTE classroom,
- Managing and marketing local Career and Technical Student Organizations
- Montana Career Pathways,
- Perkins funding,
- Professional development organizations,
- State CTE funding & data reporting,
- Work-Based Learning, and
- workplace Skills through your CTSOs.

The hybrid workshop will be held virtually Tuesday afternoon September 20 and October 11, and live, in-person, on Wednesday, October 19 in Billings at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

The workshop is offered free of charge and up to seven (7) OPI Renewal Units will be offered.

Additional details about the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022, including a schedule of events, is available on the [Secondary CTE](#) page of the OPI website.

[Registration](#) for the New CTE Professionals Hybrid Workshop 2022 can be completed and submitted online at [bit.ly/NewCTE2022](https://bit.ly/NewCTE2022). Registrants will receive a packet of materials onsite in Billings on Wednesday, October 19. To be included in the materials count, please submit registration by the end of the day on Monday, September 19, 2022. Please note, materials cannot be guaranteed for registrations received after September 19.

For registration assistance or for more information, please contact Business Education Specialist Eric Swenson at [eswenson@mt.gov](mailto:eswenson@mt.gov).

### **TEAMS Virtual Work Sessions Scheduled for September and October**

The Accreditation and Educator Preparation unit is offering [14 virtual work sessions](#) in September and October to assist with completing the Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule (TEAMS) report.

They are all via Zoom and you do not need to register beforehand. There are five (5) sessions intended for new users and nine (9) sessions for returning users that discuss FY2023 Updates.

The complete 2022-2023 TEAMS Virtual Work Sessions Schedule can be downloaded [here](#). The first session will be held September 19. The deadline to submit TEAMS data is November 1.

## **Applications for 2022-2023 Perkins Rural Reserve Grants Now Open**

Applications for the [Montana Perkins Secondary Rural Reserve Grant](#) can be submitted for the 2022-2023 grant cycle. The purpose of this year's [Montana Perkins Secondary Rural Reserve](#) grant is to create career awareness, recruit, and retain students within a CTE Secondary Program of Study that leads to a high skill, high wage, or in-demand occupations.

There are currently 176 schools offering over 260 Career and Technical Education courses to students in grades 5-8 in our Montana schools. The most offered course is in career exploration. Since Montana does not receive enough funding to allow us to provide Perkins funding for middle school programs this year's Rural Reserve Grant will be to encourage pathway work for the middle grades.

Schools could use the funds to help:

- establish innovative delivery methods for career exploration
- expose students to employability skills earlier
- establish foundational elements for work-based learning
- improve transitions from middle grades into secondary Career and Technical Education pathways.

[Grants](#) of up to \$5,000 each will be available to secondary Perkins eligible school districts to support CTE work in the middle grades (5-8). Schools will have had to complete the Perkins Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA), and their E-Grant application must be approved for the 2022-2023 Grant cycle before applying.

Schools that were awarded in previous years are eligible to apply, however, preference will be given to new applicants. The 2022-2023 application can be downloaded from the [CTE page](#) of the OPI website under the Funding menu.

## **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program**

As an employee of a local public school system, you may qualify for the [Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\) Program](#). PSLF is a federal program that forgives the remaining balance on direct loans after 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while an individual is working full-time for a qualifying employer.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Education announced a time-limited waiver to allow borrowers to receive credit for past periods of repayment that would otherwise not qualify for loan forgiveness. Under the temporary waiver, any prior period of repayment counts as a qualifying payment, regardless of loan program, repayment plan, or whether the payment was made in full or on time, provided the employment requirements are satisfied.

The waiver is only available for a limited time. The deadline to submit the [PSLF Application](#) for the waiver is October 31, 2022. Individual employees are responsible for submitting all necessary forms to the U.S. Department of Education. Requests for employment certification should be directed to campus human resources.

More information, including a handy [Help Tool](#) to determine eligibility and [FAQs](#) about the PSLF program, is available [here](#).

## **Code.org Offering a Virtual Fall Teacher Training**

[Code.org](#) is offering a fall Computer Science Discoveries professional development course. The course will be held over nine (9) half-days on Saturday mornings from September 10 through November 5.

Computer Science Discoveries is a hands-on introductory course for grades 6-10.

This virtual course is being provided by Code.org regional partner AVID and will be led by Washington-based facilitators in both a synchronous/asynchronous blend . The course is open to Montana educators on a first-come, first-serve basis; however, scholarships for Montana educators are currently not available. The cost to complete the course is \$1500.

For complete details and to register, visit AVID's [Computer Science Discoveries page](#).

### **ACTE Offering Two Webinars for those Interested in Esports**

The [Association for Career & Technical Education](#) (ACTE) is hosting two [webinars](#) covering innovative best practices and research in Esports.

Academic Esports—An Evolving Technology in CTE Pathways: Student Gamers will be held on September 13 at 2:00 pm (MDT).

Academic Esports—An Evolving Technology in CTE Pathways: Research in Academic Esports will be held on October 12 at 2:00 pm (MDT).

For complete details and to register, please visit [ACTE's Webinars page](#).

### **Adobe MAX 2022 Again Offering a Virtual Option (for FREE) if you can't get to LA**

[Adobe MAX: The Creative Conference](#) will be held October 18-20 in Los Angeles; however, Adobe is again offering a virtual option.

For the in-person option in LA, educators can register for \$1295 and students for \$299. The LA conference will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center with several [hotel options](#).

The [virtual option](#) is being offered for FREE and includes 100+ online sessions, mainstage presentations, luminary sessions, and shop and sponsor giveaways.

Visit the [Adobe MAX](#) site for complete details and to register. If you participate in Adobe MAX, be sure to work with your district/school to receive OPI renewal units.

### **Fun Facts & Trivia**

*Fantasia*, Disney's third animated film, is one of the most highly regarded of the Disney classics.

*Fantasia* a symphonic concert with Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra, embellished by Disney animation.

*Fantasia* includes eight sequences: "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" (Bach), "The Nutcracker Suite" (Tchaikovsky), "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (Dukas), "Rite of Spring" (Stravinsky), "Pastoral Symphony" (Beethoven), "Dance of the Hours" (Ponchielli), "Night on Bald Mountain" (Mussorgsky), and "Ave Maria" (Schubert).

*Fantasia* premiered on November 13, 1940, at the Broadway Theater in New York.

The Broadway Theatre is the same venue in which Mickey Mouse made his debut in *Steamboat Willie* when it premiered on November 18, 1928.

When Walt Disney began developing the animated film based on Dukas's symphonic "The Sorcerer's Apprentice", *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* was on the verge of becoming a blockbuster, and it was suggested Dopey play the Apprentice instead of Mickey.

The film was presented in Fantasound, an early stereo system, devised at the Disney Studio, but which required theaters to be specially equipped.

Due to the expense of Fantasound, the *Fantasia* originally opened in only 14 theaters.

The stereo sound enhanced the effect of the movie and won special certificates for Walt Disney, technicians William Garity and John N. A. Hawkins and RCA, and for Leopold Stokowski and his associates at the 1941 Academy Awards.

A *Fantasia* soundtrack recording was not released until 1957, after the formation of Disneyland Records (now known as Walt Disney Records) in 1956.

Long before Blu-ray and instantly streaming movies, segments of *Fantasia* were available to schools in the 1960s as 16mm rentals, and university students rediscovered the film, finding the animated feature's overwhelming imagination and endless creativity mind-blowing.

Catering to the hip kids who turned on to the artistry of *Fantasia*, Disney re-released the film for the fifth time in 1969, complete with a psychedelic ad campaign; at long last, *Fantasia* turned a box office profit as audiences flocked to the theaters.

New interest in the film in the 1970s led to a new soundtrack in 1982, with the orchestra conducted by Irwin Kostal, narration by Hugh Douglas, and a recording in digital stereo.

The full-length restoration in 1990 brought back the original soundtrack, while trying to duplicate some of the effects of the Fantasound presentation.

The film was re-released theatrically many times and released on video in 1991.

*Fantasia* has taken its place as one of the great cinematic classics of all time.

It took 60 years, but in line with Walt Disney's plan to add new segments regularly to the film, *Fantasia/2000* retained *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* but added eight new sequences.

Issues of the Wednesday Reader are archived on the Montana Business Education Association (MBEA) website at [www.mbea.info](http://www.mbea.info). The Wednesday Readers are under the Newsletter section and listed most recent first.

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