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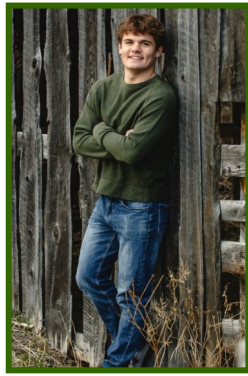
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Due to publication deadlines, sponsorships made after Oct. 1, 2025 appear in the 2026 publication.

*Cassidy Flynn**Sawyer Horne**Grace Kroeger**Hunter McCartney**Memphys Meier*

2025 Broadwater High School Scholarship Recipients

The Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) has a history of providing scholarships for Broadwater High School graduating seniors. In the application process, students explain how their involvement in community service activities and projects made them a well-rounded person and how they would encourage others to volunteer for community service. In 2025 the foundation granted **\$11,500** in scholarships to nine graduating seniors. Amanda Pesicka's scholarship included additional funding from the Ray Doig scholarship funds which are managed by the foundation. Since 1997, BCF has granted 125 college bound students **\$114,500** in scholarships. Instructions for scholarship applications for this year's seniors can be found below!

We hope you will consider a contribution to your local foundation so we can continue to support our students.

*Carsyn O'Dell**Amanda Pesicka**Rosemary Salgado**Abigail Wickens*

IMPORTANT NOTICE to Parents & BHS Seniors

Every year, the Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) offers scholarships on a competitive basis to Broadwater High School (BHS) graduating seniors interested in attending college. Students can receive between \$500 and \$3,500 to help with their educational expenses. The application process can easily be completed online beginning January 1, 2026.

To apply, visit the Montana Community Foundation (MCF) [Scholarship Portal](#) to create an account and log in. Once logged in, click the "Apply" button located at the top of your screen within the red banner. Here, you will be able to enter the access code for either BCF scholarship in the field labeled "Enter Access Code." The Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship access code is 26BWCF. The Ray Doig Memorial Scholarship access code is 26DOIG.

For more information on either scholarship, please visit our [Scholarship Directory](#). Note that you may also complete the MCF Eligibility Quiz to be matched with other MCF scholarship opportunities. The Eligibility Quiz can be found on your dashboard screen when you first log into the Scholarship Portal.

Completed applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM on March 31, 2026. For further information contact the high school counselor or MCF Scholarships staff at scholarships@mtcf.org or (406) 262-7711.

\$361,689.90

Total BCF Funds Donated to the Community From 1996 to 2025



John Hahn and Teddy Lewis receiving a grant at the STOKE Pottery Guild from BCF Board Member John Rains

In 2025, the Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) granted **\$12,000** to local non-profit organizations within the county plus **\$11,500** in student scholarships, making the total grant/scholarship donations **\$23,500**. The grants helped local organizations with projects that benefit our community and its residents.

BCF awarded a \$3,000 grant to the Broadwater Food Pantry to help with repairs after a flood caused damage. Electrical and plumbing work, along with repairing the ceiling, walls and floors were all projects that the funds helped cover.

The STOKE (Science/Technology Outdoor Knowledge Entrepreneurs) Pottery Guild received a \$3,000 grant to go towards purchasing a pug mill for their pottery program. A pug mill allows for the program to reclaim and recycle discarded and used clay. The STOKE Pottery Guild continues to offer free pottery to students enrolled in STOKE

program and offers adults to utilize the space for a small cost. The STOKE program serves between 90-100 local students each year.

A \$3,000 grant was awarded to the Townsend School District for the Bulldogs Beyond Program. In the summer of 2026, the Bulldogs Beyond program will be taking 32 high school students to Paris, Lucerne, and Munich for an educational tour and cultural experience. These high school students and their families continue to fund-raise in many different ways and BCF was happy to support these efforts with these awarded funds.

Broadwater Rural Fire District was awarded a \$3,000 grant for the purchase of smoke alarms and fire extinguishers that will be available for residents of Broadwater County at no cost. Volunteer firefighters will install these items in the homes when contacted by the homeowners. They will educate homeowners about family fire escape plans and demonstrate how to use the equipment. This opportunity will also give the recipients a chance to meet the firefighters in our community.



2025 Donations Reach \$15,119

The Broadwater Community Foundation (BCF) received **\$15,119** in donations in 2025 and the board wanted to thank all the donors for their generous contributions this past year. These donations came through sponsorships, legacy giving, memorials, light of love gifts and other direct donations.

From the many generous donations throughout the years, and the interest earned on the endowment funds, the funds since 1995 have increased to over **\$957,530**. A percentage of the interest is used each year in local grants and student scholarships. The remaining interest is reinvested into the endowment so it will continue to grow, providing funds to serve our community for years to come.



Scan QR code for a grant application!



Above: Broadwater Food Pantry flood restoration



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A special tribute to

Bill Kearns

1938-2025

Bill Kearns was a founding board member of the Broadwater Community Foundation from its beginning in 1995 until 2024. He served many years on the Montana Community Foundation board as well. He was passionate and benevolent in his backing of Broadwater Community Foundation and the people of Broadwater County. He was always ready to have a good time and enjoyed having a get-together. We will miss his wisdom, dedication, charm and fun sense of humor.

BCF Board of Directors

Back row: Cory Bird, John Rauser, Shirley Wilson, John Rains

Front row: Helen Turcotte, Anna Shearer, Carole Plymale, Karen Noyes

Honorary member not pictured: Terry Nugent