

### **Stock Market Game Registration Open for Spring Competition**

The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE) is excited to announce registration is now open for teams for the [Spring 2022 Stock Market Game](#). The Spring 2022 Stock Market Game will run from February 7 to April 15, 2022.

Glacier Bancorp and their family of Montana Banks will once again sponsor all team fees, (\$15/team) for all teams with two (2) or more students enrolled, maximum size is five (5) students per team.

Glacier Bancorp will also provide prize money to the top 5 winning teams again this semester. Join MCEE in congratulating the top finishers from Fall 2021:

1. Corvallis High School - Teacher Joel Loran
2. Belgrade High School - Teacher Rodger Enochson
3. Skyview High School - Teacher Kurt Wohler
4. Bozeman High School - Teacher Abbey Wesche
5. Whitehall High School - Teacher BJ Robertson

You can learn more and register teams on the [Stock Market Game](#) website.

The Stock Market Game is an excellent classroom resource to teach the fundamentals of investing in the Stock Market. The simulation provides student teams a \$100,000 portfolio to apply in the real market by purchasing stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. The program can apply current events, macro-economic influences, and personal preferences of consumer brands in an engaging way.

When students connect the news with their investment positions while competing in real time against their class and other schools, don't be surprised they are logging-in without you asking. Buy low and sell high, have fun while learning, and maybe be rewarded with cash prizes.

The Stock Market Game software is provided by SIFMA and shared nationally with other state councils. The program is intuitive and provides excellent teacher resources with videos and other learning tools making it an easy to implement program to introduce to your school.

For questions regarding the Stock Market Game or other MCEE programming, please contact Dax Schieffer, MCEE Executive Director, at [mcee@montana.edu](mailto:mcee@montana.edu).

### **Spring 2022 Big Sky Biz Sim Registration is Open—New & Improved Online Format**

The Spring 2022 registration is now open for the Big Sky Biz Sim. The [Montana Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE) is pleased to launch the [Big Sky Biz Sim by First Interstate Bank](#). 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 until the end of eight quarters, (weeks in the simulation). The spring semester program will run from February 2, 2022 (first input due February 9) to April 13, 2022.

Please [register your teams](#) by January 31.

New this year MCEE will offer additional resources for teacher and student success. The resources have been revised and additional support [videos](#) developed. In addition, the software is now available online that can better coach and keep the students on the right track for their decision making.

[Advance registration](#) is required, there is no cost per team as the fees have been generously covered by First Interstate Bank Foundation.

Learn more about the [Big Sky Biz Sim by First Interstate Bank](#) on the MCEE website or register with this [form](#).

Congratulations to the Fall 2021 Winning Teams

First Place: Sidney High School - Teacher Russel Biniek  
Second Place: Heritage Christian, Bozeman - Teacher Wayne Tofslie  
Third Place: Melstone High School – Teacher Tamaira Wacker

Industry Winners Included: Helena High School (Samantha Humphrey), Columbus High School (Susan Deming), Glacier High School (Josh Munro), Three Forks Schools (Jessica Oehmcke), Twin Bridges High School (Jody Sandru), Skyview High School (Kurt Wohler), and Bozeman High School (Tanner Curey).

### **Keep Off Tax Season with Take Charge Today's Teaching Taxes and TurboTax Webinars**

With Monday, January 24 marking the official start of the 2022 tax season, [Take Charge Today](#) invites you to join them in two tax-themed webinars to gain information and resources for your classroom.

The **Teaching Taxes Webinar** will be held Wednesday, February 2, 4:30 pm (MST). This one-hour webinar features the new TurboTax Simulation and activities within the Take Charge Today [Paying Your Income Taxes](#) lesson plan.

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/89756277234>; Password: 656701.

Build confidence for your students around handling taxes; join **Intuit's Interactive TurboTax simulation** webinar session.

The Webinar: Intuit team members will go through the tax simulation, educator resources and discuss how to help us prepare students to be responsible members of society.

The Simulation: Educators, students, and parents can [access the TurboTax simulation here](#). The simulation includes training material for educators, a glossary of terms, a parent discussion guide, and more. A Spanish-version will also launch in January to reach more under-represented communities.

Impact: Early education on tax filing advances wealth equity by preparing all students for adulthood.

[Click here](#) for a quick product demo on what to expect using the TurboTax simulation.

Recorded webinars can be found by clicking the Webinar tab in the [TCT Video Library](#).

### **Digital Lessons to Introduce Students on Savings + Retirement**

[EVERFI](#) is proud to announce a brand new and cost-free classroom resource for Montana educators. [Grow: Financial Planning for Life](#) provides easily accessible lessons that help students identify important stages in their lives to save for, and how they can begin incorporating smart money habits into their lives now.

Topics include: financial goals, saving, budgeting, good vs. bad debt, growing wealth, retirement plans, and how to balance expenses, emergencies and other financial responsibilities while saving for their future.

Getting your students started only takes a few minutes. Contact your local EVERFI support leader Sean ([sthomas@everfi.com](mailto:sthomas@everfi.com)) and he can show you how to access the lesson over email, in a 15 minute call, or by leading your class through their first virtual lesson.

### **Announcing the Junior Prospects Competition & Update on The Prospects**

The Montana Chamber Foundation is excited to announce that this year's competition will also include a prize purse for entrepreneurial minded junior high schoolers.

These prizes include cash awards, sponsored by Jobs for Montana's Graduates (JMG) and Two Bear Capital, to encourage entrepreneurial thinking that improves local communities; and we are accepting submissions for existing or new business ideas for generating money.

This competition is open to all Montana middle school-aged entrepreneurs. To learn more, contact Tiana Yates, Youth Entrepreneurs Coordinator at [tiana@montanachamber.com](mailto:tiana@montanachamber.com).

**Current Prize Purse:** \$2,000 cash—Enter as individuals, teams or as a class to compete for cash prizes of \$100-\$250 for entrepreneurial thinking that improves your community; and for existing or new business ideas that generate money.

**Submission Requirements:** Pitch Video (two minutes or less), Business Summary (1,000 words max.), Participation Agreement/Waiver Form signed by an Educator and/or Parent or Guardian.

**Dates:** The Spring Round will take place January 17-March 18 with the Awards Show (Virtual) on Friday, April 22 at 12 pm.

**Submission Link:** More information can be found on the [Montana Chamber's Prospects](#) website. To learn more, please contact Tiana Yates, Youth Entrepreneurs Coordinator, at [tiana@montanachamber.com](mailto:tiana@montanachamber.com).

**Categories & Structure:** The Junior Prospects competition is designed to develop entrepreneurial thinking through the Youth Entrepreneurs project-based learning activities. To provide structure, the Montana Chamber Foundation recommends formatting your submissions in one or more of the following categories.

- [The Vacant Lot](#): Team or Class Competition
- Free Category: Follow your passion
- Industry Specific Ideas: Health, Tech, Construction, Manufacturing
- Mobile Applications to improve life
- Sports-related goods or services
- Non-Profit/Community Development New product or invention
- Improve existing services

**The Prospects Update (High School):** The Spring Round for The Prospects (high school division) has officially opened and will go through March 18. Great submissions have been received in the first round and are looking forward to seeing even more come in. The prize purse is up to \$63,500 and continues to grow.

To easily access the eligibility waiver, competition guide, and a full list of prizes please click [here](#). This Google Drive is being updated weekly with prizes and information so please make sure to keep checking back. The drive is a helpful place to help narrow down student ideas if they are struggling as there are some specific prizes and categories. You can also visit The Chamber website: [The Prospects - Montana Chamber of Commerce](#).

### **Register for Summer 2022 APBP Trainings and Reserve Your Hotel Today!**

The Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA) is excited to announce that registration for the Accounting Program to Bridge the Profession (APBP) Advanced Accounting summer trainings is open on the [StartHereGoPlaces](#) website and the hotel discount codes are available.

If you are new to APBP and would like to learn more about the curriculum and free training, click [here](#).

Four trainings sessions will be held this summer with the following hotel discounts:

**Location:** Las Vegas, Nevada at AICPA's ENGAGE Conference: June 7-9, 2022 (limited space available).

**Hotel information:** A reduced rate of \$150/night is available at the Park MGM. For more information, click [here](#).

**Location:** Chicago, Illinois: June 20-22, 2022

**Hotel information:** A reduced rate of \$169/night is available at the Chicago, Central Loop - Club Quarters Hotel. For more information, click [here](#).

**Location:** Houston, Texas: July 20-22, 2022

**Hotel information:** A reduced rate of \$149/night is available at the Houston Marriott West Loop by the Galleria. For more information, click [here](#).

**Location:** Roseland, New Jersey: August 1-3, 2022

**Hotel information:** A reduced rate of \$139/night is available at the Hampton Inn Suites Fairfield. For more information, click [here](#).

Discounted rates are on a first come first serve basis and rooms are limited.

To sign up for a training, go to [StartHereGoPlaces](#) and complete your registration. Training is **free** and breakfast and lunch will be provided to all attendees.

Should you plan to attend one of the trainings, be sure to work with your district/school to receive OPI Renewal Units for your participation.

Send any inquiries to [apbp@aicpa-cima.com](mailto:apbp@aicpa-cima.com).

### **Register for Cryptocurrency Basics: NGPF's Newest Certification Course**

[Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) is introducing its NEWEST certification course: [Cryptocurrency Basics](#).

[Register now](#) to complete a five-week, nine-hour NGPF Certification Course during Cohort #20 to become certified in specific personal finance topics. Sessions are just two hours a week and start the week of February 7.

- Increase your confidence with current personal finance content knowledge
- Gather ready-to-implement resources to bring to your students
- Earn a Certification Badge to share on your email signature, resume, and LinkedIn
- Continue earning your credits for [NGPF Academy](#) this school year.

courses are available during nthis cohort:

- Banking & Budgeting
- Career
- Cryptocurrency Basics **New**
- Paying for College
- Psychology of Money

Visit NGPF to [register today](#). Remember to work with your district/school to receive OPI Renewal Units for completing the NGPF Certification Course.

### **Save the Date for the Montana Financial Education Coalition’s 2022 Conference—Feb. 23**

The [Montana Financial Education Coalition](#) (MFEC) will be holding the [2022 MFEC Conference](#) on Wednesday, February 23 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Helena Colonial in Helena.

Complete conference details, including registration and schedule of events, will be available soon on the MFEC website.

Be sure to keep checking the [2022 MFEC Conference](#) website for more details.

### **Innovate to Educate—A Free NGPF Conference for Financial Educators**

[Next Gen Personal Finance](#) (NGPF) is hosting a free, one-day professional development opportunity on Saturday, January 29.

[Innovate to Educate](#) is a fun mix of existing staples and some never-before-seen virtual professional development sessions, plus guided ‘Networking’ sessions for teachers to have open discussions about hot topics. As always, the conference is open to all and free to attend.

[Innovate to Educate](#) will be held Saturday, January 29 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm (MST). [View the agenda](#) to learn more about the day’s events.

Helpful notes for the virtual event include

- You must register for each session you want to attend
- Please do not register for more than one session in a single time slot
- NGPF will leave time in between sessions to move; you can sign up for back to back sessions
- For each session you attend, you will receive [NGPF Academy](#) credit (.5 or 1 credit, depending on the length of the session)
- The final session will be a wrap up + raffle session with swag and prizes. You must register for and be at the session to win. In addition, you must have attended at least 1 hour of conference to qualify for incentives.

If you choose to participate, be sure to work with your district/school to receive OPI Renewal Units.

### **Design, Create, Share, and Repeat with Ziro Studio**

The [Computer Science Teachers Association](#) (CSTA) is excited to introduce you to their online, interactive, experiential learning platform called [Ziro Studio](#).

[Ziro Studio](#) is a fun interactive way to learn coding and STEM by allowing students to see the results of their work immediately in a 3D virtual world. It is free and open to all.

[Ziro Studio](#) is full of possibilities for teachers and students alike. CSTA will be delighted to support any CSTA teachers that would like to bring this platform to their students.

Take a look at some neat projects.

### **Secure Your Spot for the CSTA 2022 Conference**

Engage with your community of computer science teachers during the Computer Science Teachers Association's [CTSA 2022 Conference](#).

Experience over 200 educational sessions to help you get the best educational experience possible. Energize in-person, where you will leave feeling refreshed and excited to start the school year, armed with new lessons and tools to implement in your classroom.

Join the community at CSTA 2022, set for July 14-17, in Chicago. [Secure your Early Bird rate](#) before prices increase on May 31.

### **Application Open for the WBEA 2022 Professional Development Leadership Training**

Each year, the Western Business Education Association (WBEA) hosts the Professional Development Leadership Training (PDLT) as part of the year conference. Presidents-elect, state membership directors, and others from the Western states, territories, and provinces (S/T/Ps) identified as potential leaders in your organization and, hopefully, in WBEA and the National Business Education Association (NBEA) in the future.

Participation in the PDLT is by application. S/T/P presidents-elect, membership directors, and any other potential leaders who feel they could benefit from learning more about WBEA/NBEA, leadership roles, and potential future leadership opportunities with these organizations are encouraged to submit an application.

The goal, as always, is to have participation from each S/T/P in the Western region. If you have already registered for the WBEA 2022 Conference and would like to participate in this year's PDLT, you can complete the [WBEA 2022 Professional Development Leadership Training Application](#).

Please submit application by February 1, 2022. The Professional Development Leadership Training will be held Sunday, February 20, from 9-10:50 am. A continental breakfast will be provided. PDLT participants will also be recognized at the WBEA Awards Banquet on Sunday evening.

If not yet registered, there is still time to sign others up for the conference. Please visit [wbea2022.com](http://wbea2022.com) for the conference registration.

For questions regarding the PDLT, please contact Chris Liebelt-Garcia, WBEA Representative to the NBEA Board, at [chrisliebelt\\_garcia@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisliebelt_garcia@yahoo.com), or Eric Swenson, WBEA President-elect, at [eswenson@mt.gov](mailto:eswenson@mt.gov).

### **Exclusive Scholarship Opportunity For Your Accounting Students**

Applications for the [2022-2023 AICPA Foundation High School Scholarship](#) are open until March 1, 2022.

The AICPA Foundation will provide \$2,000 to 10 students who intend to continue their accounting studies at an accredited college or university, and who have taken an advanced high school accounting course taught by teachers who are a part of the Accounting Program to Building the Profession (APBP) program. Selected recipients will be awarded this scholarship during June-July of 2022 for the fall 2022 and spring 2023 academic year.

Eligible students must be/have:

- Taken an advanced accounting course taught by an APBP trained educator.
- The nomination of a registered educator or school counselor at [StartHereGoPlaces.com](#) or nomination by a current AICPA member.
- Proof of acceptance into a public or private, not-for-profit (501(c)) two or four-year accredited college or university located in the U.S. states or territories for the full 2022-23 academic year.
- Maintained a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Enrolling as a full-time undergraduate (12 semester hours or equivalent) for the full 2022-23 academic year.
- A registered High School student on [Start Here, Go Places](#).
- A U.S. citizen or permanent resident (green card holder).
- Some financial need (i.e., not receiving a full or partial scholarship(s) and/or grant(s) that cover and/or exceed student's educational expenses)
- Note: AICPA staff and their family members are not eligible to receive this scholarship.*

Eligible students can apply online [here](#). Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2022.

### **The Prospects 2022 High School Business Competition—Spring Round Opens Today**

[The Prospects](#) is a virtual statewide entrepreneurship competition for high school students with new ideas and existing small businesses. This collaborative initiative invests in our students while developing a mentorship platform to connect with business and community leaders.

[The Prospects](#) is Montana's premier opportunity for high school students to demonstrate and be handsomely rewarded for their entrepreneurial spirit...that spirit you are unleashing in your classes.

Any of Montana's 40,000+ high school-aged students are encouraged to submit their innovative ideas and solutions or enter their existing businesses. Matt and Tiana Zoomed with over 100 students in more than 10 classrooms around Montana in December. During these meetings they are encouraging students to think about their passions and what motivates them. They then offer suggestions on how to turn these passions and motivators into a business. They also discuss students' current business ideas and brainstorming on how to cultivate their ideas into a winning submission. If this is something you would like to bring into your classroom, please email Tiana Yates at [tiana@montanachamber.com](mailto:tiana@montanachamber.com) to schedule a time for Tiana and Matt to Zoom with your class.

The current prize purse includes \$51,000 in cash and scholarships. Stay tuned for regular updates as the prize purse grows. Prizes will include cash prizes, scholarships & financial aid, technology prizes, and opportunities for mentoring, internships, apprenticeships, and work-based learning.



Participants will need to submit a (1) a pitch Video (two minutes or less), (2) a business summary (1,000 words max.), (3) a waiver form signed by an educator and/or parent or guardian, and (4) a completed W-9 Form.

The Spring 2022 round runs January 17-March 18, 2022.

The awards show will be held Friday, April 22 at 12 pm (MDT).

Judging for both the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 rounds will taken place following the closing of the spring round.

Complete details about The Prospects and submission information can be found at [MontanaChamber.com/Prospects](https://MontanaChamber.com/Prospects).

To learn more or to get questions answered, please contact Tiana Yates, Youth Entrepreneurs Coordinator, at [tiana@montanachamber.com](mailto:tiana@montanachamber.com).

### **Montana Teach CTE—A Virtual Event for 2022**

The Montana Teach CTE Event will be going virtual for the 2021-2022 school year. This year, any Montana high school student interested in becoming a Career and Technical Education teacher can [sign up](#) to receive their "Teacher in a Box". Space is limited to the first 50 students who [register](#).

Students will receive their box in early February. Along with some educational materials, there will also be items from Montana State University's Department of Agriculture and Technology Education, University of Montana-Western's Business Education Department, and Montana State University Northern's College of Technical Science.

### **Introducing Creative Cloud Express for Education**

Welcome to [Adobe Creative Cloud Express](#). Creative Cloud Express gives students and educators everything they need to create stunning graphics, flyers, photos, presentations, web pages, and videos — and express themselves in unique and beautiful ways both inside and outside the classroom.

Adobe Creative Cloud Express for Education brings together the ease of use of Adobe Spark, [Adobe Fonts](#), [Adobe Stock](#) images, education relevant templates, quick actions powered by [Photoshop](#), Premiere, and PDF and so much more, to help your classroom get started with awesome creative tools.

If your district or classroom already uses Adobe Spark for Education, you will be automatically upgraded to [Creative Cloud Express for Education](#). Your passwords will work the same as before, and any projects you and your students have completed in Adobe Spark for Education will appear in your new Creative Cloud Express account.

[Creative Cloud Express](#) works in all web browsers, so students can make content on any device, including Chromebooks. Students can also work on mobile devices using the iOS, Android, or Windows apps.

The [Adobe Education Exchange](#) offers free tutorials, courses, lesson plans, and video guides to help build your students' essential creative skills as they prepare for college or a career. Educators can also join the [Adobe Creative Educator](#) program to receive curated professional development materials, information about virtual and in-person events, and opportunities to connect with like-minded educators from around the world.



To find more information or get started, visit the [Creative Cloud Express for Education page](#).

### **CS Across the Curriculum Summit—February 12, 2022**

Computer science can enhance learning of all subject areas. At the virtual [CS Across the Curriculum Summit](#), teachers will explore ways to integrate computer science into all subjects and grade levels. The CS Across the Curriculum Summit will be held Wednesday, February 12 from 9:00-2:00 pm (MST). The summit is tailored for teachers who teach any subject in grades K-12 or are already a computer science teacher, with pathways in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, Social Studies/History and Visual/Performing Arts, and other subjects.

The [Computer Science Teachers Association](#) (CSTA) works hard to price events low enough so that all interested teachers are able to participate. The summit registration fees cover the costs associated with hosting the summit, including the technology platforms that we use. There are a limited number of [scholarships available](#) to support K-12 teachers for whom the registration costs are a barrier. If you'd like to help fund these opportunities for teachers, please contact [daniel.rosenstein@csteachers.org](mailto:daniel.rosenstein@csteachers.org).

To apply for a scholarship, you will need a CSTA membership. You can sign up for free [here](#).

### **Save the Date for the 2022 Dual Enrollment Summit**

Calling all educators, staff, and administrators of high schools and colleges (two-year or four-year)! The University of Montana Missoula College, along with the University of Montana Summer Office and Reach Higher Montana, invites you to save the date for the second annual [Montana Dual Enrollment Summit](#) taking place on June 20-21, 2022. The hope is to come together in-person, with some virtual options available; more details will be announced in the spring.

As many of you know from attending last year, the Dual Enrollment Summit is a professional development opportunity for the educators, staff, and administrators of high schools and colleges that aims to provide an opportunity for connections and networking between college and high school faculty, staff, and administrators to support continuous improvement, quality, and rigor in dual enrollment course offerings to Montana high school students.

Registration will open on April 4, 2022, along with an invitation for proposals for the Summit. If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to Jordan Patterson in the UM Dual Enrollment office at [jordan.patterson@mso.umt.edu](mailto:jordan.patterson@mso.umt.edu) or to Becka Simons in the UM Summer Office at [becka.simons@mso.umt.edu](mailto:becka.simons@mso.umt.edu).

### **ISTELive 22 Registration is Now Open—Go Big in the Big Easy**

If you're choosing just one event this year, it has to be [ISTELive 22](#) in New Orleans, June 26-29. Conference registration and hotel reservations are now open.

When you sign up for [ISTELive 22](#), you will not only have the chance to participate in over 1,000 learning opportunities presented by global experts, you will also get to collaborate, share and see your community again—at last. And, the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) has designed this event for every comfort level, so you can do all of that in person or virtually.

ISTE Live is no longer just a four-day event—it is customized, flexible, year-round PD. So, be sure to check out all the ways you can participate.

[Register now](#). Prices increase in March.

### **[K12 Grant Opportunity from TestOut for Spring 2022](#)**

[TestOut's K12 Grant](#) is an excellent way for teachers and students to soar to new heights using our IT and Microsoft Office courseware. Just like rockets blast into outer space, TestOut will help your students reach for the stars.

[TestOut's courseware](#) is an integrated suite of resources that provides everything teachers need to prepare their students for certification and a successful career in the IT industry and everyday Microsoft Office applications. TestOut courseware includes video instruction and demonstrations, concise text lessons, quizzes, and exams to test their knowledge in hands-on labs.

TestOut's easy-to-use, all-in-one courseware aligns to industry certifications like MOS, CompTIA, Cisco, EC-Council's Certified Ethical Hacker and includes a voucher to their 100% Performance-based TestOut Pro certification.

TestOut's complete, end-to-end certification training software provides teaching methods that keep users focused and engaged. Each course uses various resources that give you everything needed to prepare for certification, including video instruction, text lessons, demonstrations, lab simulations, and comprehensive practice exams.

[TestOut's grant](#) provides districts, teachers, and students with full access to training courseware, provides video instruction, hands-on practice through real-life simulations, testing, and certification prep in one easy-to-use platform at no cost. Grant access will run the entire semester from January 1, 2022, through July 31, 2022.

The K12 grant is for instructors that have never used TestOut course materials. Please visit [TestOut](#) for more details and a complete list of course offerings and resources.

### **[Applications are Now Open in Montana for the Code.org Professional Learning Program](#)**

Applications are now open for [Code.org's Professional Learning Program](#) for middle and high school educators. If you are interested in teaching computer science for the 2022-2023 academic year, this is your time to explore computer science (CS) curriculum and collaborate with educators of all experience levels to develop lesson plans and teaching strategies.

What is the Professional Learning Program? Hosted by highly trained facilitators, the professional development workshops will prepare you to confidently bring CS to your students as well as connect with an online and in-person community of peers. Most workshops have scholarship funding available.

New this year, Computer Science A (CSA) professional learning has arrived. For teachers looking for support in teaching CSA in the 2022-23 school year, [find a professional learning program near you](#).

[Elementary teachers](#) can sign-up for a one-day workshop near you! Applications are not required for Computer Science Fundamentals workshops and take place throughout the country, year-round.

[Middle and high school teachers](#) will begin with a five-day workshop on Computer Science Discoveries, Computer Science Principles and Computer Science A in the summer, with academic year workshops thereafter.

Workshops for Montana teachers include—

CS Discoveries:

--June 27-July 1, 2022; Seattle

--August 1-5, 2022; Virtual

CS Principles:

--June 27-July 1, 2022; Seattle

--August 1-5, 2022; Virtual

Computer Science A:

--June 27-July 1, 2022; Seattle

Avid, Montana's regional Code.org partner, has scholarships available for teachers in Montana. That means you can apply to possibly attend this professional learning program at reduced or no cost to you/your school. AVID is planning on offering both virtual and in-person/hybrid summer workshops during the summer of 2022, and will switch to all-virtual if needed.

If you have any questions, please [use this form to contact your regional partner](#).

### **Career & Technical Education Scholarships—500 Scholarships at up to \$2,500 each**

The [Career & Technical Scholarship Program](#) is funded through the generosity of Horatio Alger Association Members, Jim F. Dicke II and Dennis Washington. Scholarships are awarded to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives who wish to pursue a career or technical education at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution in the United States.

Eligibility Criteria:

--Have completed high school (or earned a high school equivalency credential)

--Enrolled in eligible program in Fall 2021

--Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a career or technical program (up to 2 years) at an accredited non-profit post-secondary institution in the United States

--Demonstrated critical financial need (must be eligible to receive the Federal Pell grant as determined by completion of the FAFSA)

--Demonstrated perseverance in overcoming adversity

--Be under the age of 30

--Be a United States citizen

Funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, and supplies. All scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution on behalf of the recipient.

If you are a school official, you may sign up for the Stay Connected list so that you will be notified of important application updates and to print a poster to put up in your school. To do so, please visit the [School Officials](#) page.

The [CTE application](#) is now open with a priority deadline of July 15 (applications will continue to be awarded on a rolling basis until all awards have been claimed).

[Apply Now](#).

## **Fun Facts & Trivia**

*Pay Day* was designed by the American game designer Paul Gruen, and released in 1975, and it was the designer's biggest hit.

*Pay Day* is also known as *PAY DAY* and *Payday*.

*Pay Day* has been produced in a number of different languages including Italian, French and Dutch.

There are a number of editions of *Pay Day* which include the original 1970s one; the 1990s edition; the 2000s 'Big' version, which has a customizable game board with interchangeable day tiles; and a 2011 modernized version of the original known as the 'Classic Edition'.

The original version of *Pay Day* featured a savings account; however, this feature was removed in the 1990s game.

*Pay Day* was very favored when it was first released; competing against the sales of Monopoly, although it has not remained as popular.

Players go through a range of different situations that involve paying bills, making deals, helping out the neighbors, and even receiving birthday gifts.

The game smartly introduces concepts like interest and loans to younger players, in turn helping to educate them about the power of savings and investment.

In the 1994 edition, the game was updated to 24 "Deal" cards and 48 "Mail" cards.

Another update was an increase in pay on pay day to \$3500 at the end of each month.

Additionally, the "Pot" was renamed to "Jackpot" in the 1994 edition.

Additional special board spaces included Super Ski Sunday, Charity Concert, Food for the Month, and Shopping Spree.

In the 2000 updates, *Pay Day* became known as *Big Payday*.

In *Big Payday*, the board completely changed to allow for tiles to replace existing days, adding variety to the game.

Also, new card types were added, such as "Instant Messages".

The *Pay Day Rivals Edition* board game has two players going head-to-head in a battle to end up with the most money to win.

In this fun game about making and spending money, each player moves their pawn around the game board, finding bargains and unexpected windfalls.

Players deal with bills that come in the Mail cards such as having to pay library fines or to cover a pedicure.

Event cards can bring surprises such as winning cash at Bingo or paying for a night on the town.

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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