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# 2008 Association of Montana Troopers Member Child Scholarship Recipients

Each year, the Association of Montana Troopers grants secondary education scholarships to legal sons or daughters of active duty or retired members in good standing. The scholarships are for \$1,000 and can be renewed for up to a total of \$4,000 or four years of secondary education.

In addition, the Association of Montana Troopers recently instituted a public scholarship for persons seeking

a criminal justice degree from a Montana secondary education institution. The scholarship is also for \$1,000 and is not renewable.

For more information about these scholarships, as well as the Dearborn Ranch Scholarship for Children of Montana Highway Patrol Officers, please visit our web site at: <http://montanatrooper.com/scholarships/>



My name is **Craig Thomas Becker**, and my parents are Bonnie and Gary Becker. I was born on in Sidney, Montana, where my dad was a patrolman. At a young age, we moved to Butte, where I have grown up and learned much. I currently attend Butte High School and will graduate this May. I loved to play sports such as football, golf, tennis, and hockey, spending

8 years participating in football and 11 years in hockey. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my buddies and younger brother Scott, doing several outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, skiing, and riding horses. My preferred choice of music is classic rock or country, enjoying both equally the same. This fall I will be attending Montana Tech in Butte to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. I really appreciate and would like to thank the Association of Montana Troopers for their generous scholarship award.



**Zachary R. Edgell**, son of Captain Keith Edgell, MHP 104, graduated from Billings West High School in June of 2008. Zachary is attending Montana State University Vo-Tech and is enrolled in the surgical technician program. While in high school, he volunteered his time with Big Brothers, Big Sisters, West High Bear Buddies, and Habitat for Humanity. He enjoys

boating, camping, and hunting in his spare time.

My name is **Tiffany Hensley**, and I am going to be a junior at Montana State University- Bozeman. My dad is Trooper Robert Hensley, and my mother, Shelly Hensley, is a registered nurse at Colonial Manor in Whitefish, MT. I was

born and raised in Great Falls, MT, with the exception of living in Haughton, LA for three years during middle school and freshman year of high school while my dad was in the U.S Air Force. I graduated from Whitefish High School in 2006 after spending my junior and senior year there. I am currently studying cellular biology and neuroscience and plan to attend medical school in the fall of 2010. During the school year, I work at the MSU Child Development Center. I am also Vice President Finance for my sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta, and the Standards and Scholarship Chair for our all-sorority council at MSU. During my spare-time, I enjoy reading, hanging out with my friends, family, and sorority sisters, hiking, and exploring the outdoors. In the future, I plan to be a family practitioner or pediatrician in Montana or somewhere in the Northwest.

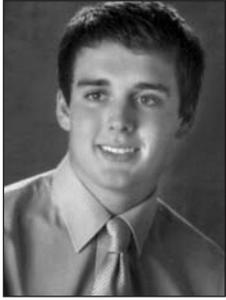


My name is **Seth Hinckley**. I am an applicant for the 2008 AMT Scholarship.

After graduating from Havre High, I enrolled at MSU-Northern to begin my undergraduate degree in Biology. I studied for a year at Northern then took a two year leave to serve as a missionary in Southern California for my church. While in California I learned much, including Spanish. I am organizing a roofing company this summer to earn enough money for school this fall. I have transferred my credits over to the University of Montana in Missoula. I plan to finish my Biology degree and enter Dental School. My family is very supportive and has helped me in so many ways. I realize that I am so fortunate to have such great

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parents. My mother and father have been awesome examples to me in working hard, serving others and having worthwhile interests. I enjoy carpentry, shooting and camping, especially when I am with my family. My family has brought so much happiness into my life, and I look forward to the time when I will have a family of my own.



My name is **Kale Huseby**, and I thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Association of Montana Troopers scholarship. I graduated in May of 2008 from C. M. Russell High School and am now attending the University of Montana, majoring in Political Science.

My main hobby is playing and listening to music. I have been involved in several different bands playing the tuba, trombone, and bass guitar. I have also picked up instruments such as the acoustic guitar and banjo in my free time. I also enjoy tennis, hiking, skiing, politics, and reading.

My parents are Rhonda and Captain Butch Huseby, MHP 109.



My name is **Kaycee Mantooth**, and I am 21 years old. I'm originally from Lewistown, Montana, but am living in Spring Hill, Tennessee, now. I grew up in Lewistown and never thought I'd move out of state - funny, how now I'm about 2,000 miles away. (I'll get more to that later)!

Well, let me tell you a bit about my family. I have two awesome parents, Kelly and Carrie. They've supported me in everything I've done and encourage me to be the best I can be. I love them dearly! I also have two sisters, Kristen and Kara, ages 22 and 13. I certainly miss seeing my family, but time has allowed all of them to come visit me this summer. I'm very excited about that!

Growing up, I loved sports. Softball was my most favorite. I've played it since I was old enough to and was on the All-Star team about seven years in a row. I don't get to play it a whole lot anymore, but I'll always love the game itself. I also played basketball and volleyball for a few years, golf for one, and did track as well.

I went to Fergus High School in Lewistown all four years. I had some awesome teachers there; and since it was a smaller community, I was able to get to know most of the people there. I got to participate in a few school plays and explore my love of photography by getting to develop my own pictures in the 'dark room.'

After I graduated Fergus, I went to college for a year at the University of Montana in Missoula. My declared major

was photojournalism. My year at college was a really good year, but a hard year as well. I was involved with Campus Crusade for Christ and got to know a lot of amazing people. Unfortunately, one of the leaders unexpectedly died from acute leukemia. Five days later, my grandpa died. It was a pretty rough time to say the least. But I will say this, I've learned so much more about myself and who God really is through it all.

That year led me to apply for an internship with a youth ministry down here in Tennessee. I was accepted and came down to Tennessee for the internship/mentorship program. I ended up doing that for a year and a half. One main aspect of the ministry is talking to youth online ([www.teenhopeline.com](http://www.teenhopeline.com)) about problems they're facing; whether it be depression, suicidal thoughts, cutting, eating disorders, dating problems or questions about God. The issues are endless! But I had the privilege to talk through those things with teens and offer the real hope of God to them. In that time, I had the privilege to explore many of my passions, which include writing and youth. I also went on a short-term mission trip to Northern Ireland.

My plans now are to finish up my generals at Columbia State University here in Tennessee, and then pursue a journalism degree. I don't exactly know what I want to do with a journalism degree yet; just that I want to write about what I'm passionate about. I want my voice to be heard.



**Kristen Mantooth** recently finished a year of servant leadership to the great state of Montana while under the role of Miss Montana 2007. During the year Kristen acted as a goodwill ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network. To raise awareness and funds for Children's Miracle Network, Kristen wrote and illustrated a children's book called

Danny goes to the Doctor. Kristen also acted as a state spokesperson for the Montana Hope Project. Kristen represented Montana at the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas. She then spent the rest of her year traveling across Montana doing numerous appearances and speaking about her platform "REACH!" which encourages integrity in Relationships, Emotions, Actions, Character, and Habits.

Before taking on the role of Miss Montana Kristen lived in Italy with her aunt for five months. There she volunteered on the military base teaching dance classes, helping with girl scouts, and being a leader with Club Beyond and traveling with them to Slovakia for a service project trip.

Throughout college Kristen worked as a wild land fire fighter with the Bureau of Land Management. She worked in Montana and was also sent on some detail missions to Arizona and Utah while on a small engine crew and also a heli-tack crew.

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After these grand adventures Kristen now presses on to the adventure of achieving her degree. She will be attending Montana State University-Billings. She is pursuing a degree in English and an art minor.

To accomplish all of this Kristen needed a strong support at home. Kristen has two inspiring parents and two wonderful sisters. Her parents own All Awards, a trophy and engraving store located in Lewistown. Kristen's mom, Carrie, is a

grant writer for Snowy Mountain Developments and Montana's Resource Conservation and Development. Kristen's father, Kelly, is a 23 year Montana State Trooper.

Kristen is an avid art lover and relaxes by drawing or reading. Kristen is also a long distance runner and stays in shape by running and entering road races. Kristen is looking forward to completing her degree and possibly becoming a high school English teacher and a cross-country and track coach. □

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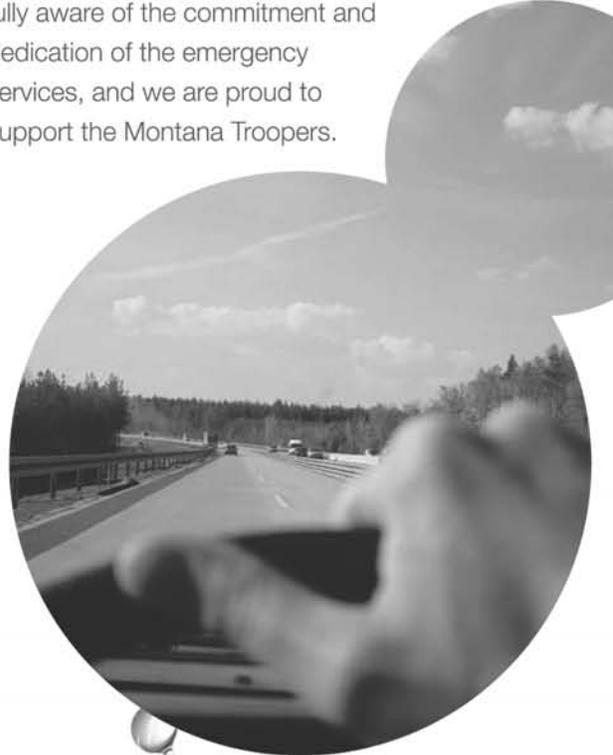
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Coin obverse (face).



Coin reverse.

# The MHP Challenge Coin

In October of 2008, all MHP employees were issued an MHP challenge coin. This is a first for the Montana Highway Patrol and was inspired by a similar coin carried by the Colorado State Patrol.

Colonel Mark Trosel of the Colorado State Patrol has said that his troopers all carry the

coin at all times to remind themselves of the bond they share as state troopers and support personnel. Its weight is enough to remind all of them of the heavy responsibility they all share in protecting the citizens of their state.

Where does the concept of the challenge coin come from? Like many members of the MHP field forces, it comes from the military.

The actual origins of the challenge coin are a matter of much debate. While many organizations and services claim to have been the originators of the challenge coin, the most commonly held view is that the tradition began in the United States Army Air Service, the forerunner of the current United States Air Force.

Air warfare was a new phenomenon during World War I. When the army created flying squadrons, they were manned with volunteer pilots from every walk of civilian life. While some of the early pilots came from working class or rural backgrounds, many were wealthy Ivy League students who withdrew from classes in the middle of the year, drawn by the adventure and romance of the new form of warfare.

As the legend goes, one such Ivy Leaguer, a wealthy lieutenant, ordered small, solid-bronze medallions struck, which he then presented to the other pilots in his squadron as mementos of their service together. The coin was gold-plated, bore the squadron's insignia, and was quite valuable. One of the pilots in the squadron, who had never owned anything like the coin, placed it in a leather pouch he wore around his neck for safekeeping. A short while later, this pilot's aircraft was heavily damaged by ground fire, forcing him to land behind enemy lines and causing him to be captured by the Germans. The Germans confiscated the personal belongings from his pockets, but they didn't catch the leather pouch around his

neck. On his way to a permanent prisoner of war facility, he was held overnight in a small German-held French village near the front. During the night, the town was bombarded by the British, creating enough confusion to allow the pilot to escape.

The pilot avoided German patrols by donning civilian attire, but all of his identification had been confiscated, so he had no way to prove his identity. With great difficulty, he sneaked across no-man's land and made contact with a French patrol. Unfortunately for him, the French had been on the lookout for German saboteurs dressed as civilians. The French mistook the American pilot for a German saboteur and immediately prepared to execute him.

Desperate to prove his allegiance and without any identification, the pilot pulled out the coin from his leather pouch and showed it to his French captors. One of the Frenchmen recognized the unit insignia on the coin and delayed the execution long enough to confirm the pilot's identity.

Once the pilot safely returned to his squadron, it became a tradition for all members to carry their coin at all times. To ensure compliance, the pilots would challenge each other to produce the coin. If the challenged couldn't produce the coin, he was required to buy a drink of choice for the challenger; if the challenged could produce the coin, the challenger would purchase the drink. Enjoy THAT tradition within policy, thank you!

Besides the arrowhead and badge, the Montana Highway Patrol coin has on it other reminders of what is important. It includes the MHP core values, the expected attributes of our employees, and stars signifying the six troopers that have lost their lives in service to the public (The coin you see was made prior to the passing of Trooper Evan Schneider, and future editions will carry the sixth star).

As years go by, it is very easy for a person to get busy or become set in a routine and miss what is important. One feature of challenge coins is it takes a conscious effort to carry one at all times. It forces all of us to turn our minds back to what is really important at least once a day regardless of rank, status, or location. We think about those things more often if we are challenged.

Carry your coins, challenge each other, and in doing so remember that what we do and who we are is important. They are yours forever to commemorate your service with the MHP. Very few people will be able to look back later in life and know they served with a great bunch of people and made a huge difference in the lives of thousands. We are those lucky few. Thank you for all you do, and stay safe! □

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# Chrome for Kids

A new "Chrome for Kids" motorcycle license plate will help raise funds for non-profit organizations that grant wishes to Montana children who are chronically or critically ill. Representatives of the Montana Highway Patrol and Motor Vehicle Division showed off the plate at a press conference at the capitol in 2008.

"We are extremely pleased to have this plate available to the public," said Montana Highway Patrol Col. Paul Grimstad. "When motorcycle owners choose these plates, they're helping raise money to help Montana children."

The Chrome for Kids plate can be purchased at any county treasurer's office in for a one-time fee of \$30. Fees from the plate benefit Montana's Camp-Mak-A-Dream and the Montana Hope Project. While the state has a number of specialty plates, the Chrome for Kids plate is the first one specifically for motorcycles.

Camp Mak-A-Dream program has been in operation since 1995. It is a free, medically supervised camp for children, teens and young adults with cancer, and their brothers and sisters.

The Montana Hope Project was created in 1984 by the Association of Montana Troopers to grant special wishes — like taking a trip to a sporting event or meeting a celebrity — for chronically and critically ill Montana kids. To date, it has granted 294 wishes.

The new plate is silver, white, black and light blue and features "Chrome for Kids" across the bottom and "Montana" across the top in lettering that looks like polished chrome.

For more information, please go to:

Hope Project: [www.montanahope.org](http://www.montanahope.org)  
Camp Mak-A-Dream: [www.campdream.org](http://www.campdream.org)



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### Our Mission Dream Come True

The Montana Hope Project originated from the strong desire of Montana Highway Patrol troopers to be of greater assistance to their communities. Troopers wanted to establish a special service that would create a positive and rewarding impact both for the troopers and for their communities.

In 1984, the Association of Montana Highway Patrolmen, now the Association of Montana Troopers, organized the Montana Hope Project. The goal of the Hope Project is to make dreams come true for critically ill children across Montana.

Funds raised by the project have been used to grant wishes to more than 219 of Montana's critically and chronically ill children since 1984. The project granted 21 wishes in 2003, 9 wishes with 11 pending in 2004. The average cost of a wish was \$5,900.

Approximately 90 cents of every dollar raised goes directly toward granting wishes. The Montana Hope Project is NOT affiliated with any national organization and is staffed by volunteers. It is funded entirely by events such as the Ride For Hope 500. The Montana Hope Project is the only wish-granting program that holds an annual reunion for recipients and their immediate families. They attend this event, held each June in Essex, at no cost.

### Our Organization

Today, the Montana Hope Project is a separate nonprofit organization funded by charitable contributions and donations. Donations qualify as tax-deductible contributions. The Hope Project does not receive tax or governmental support. The governing board consists of Montana Highway Patrol troopers and community volunteers.

The Montana Hope Project is a success due to the combined efforts of dedicated individuals and organizations who give their generous support. We welcome you to join our efforts to give critically ill children their dreams come true.

To contact, or help, please mail: Montana Hope Project, P.O. Box 5927, Helena, MT 59604  
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