

The Wednesday Reader

Rocktober 23, 2013

Final State CTE (VoEd) Funding Allocations Now Posted

The FY2014 State Career and Technical Education allocation payments (i.e. State VoEd Allocations) have been finalized and will be automatically deposited with your county treasurer on Friday, November 1, 2013.

The Payment Report is posted both on the *Payments to School & Co-Ops* AND *Secondary CTE* pages of the OPI web site. The following link will take you directly to the FY2014 State VoEd Payment Report:

http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_13.

A number of corrections have been made since the Preliminary allocations were posted on October 22. You will likely see a change in your final allocation due to these corrections. The majority of the changes made were due to corrected FCCLA and SkillsUSA student membership numbers.

State CTE (VoEd) allocations are based on a formula that factors:

1. High School student enrollment in career and technical education classes;
2. Extended contracts for properly endorsed career and technical education instructors;
3. Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) high school chapters and student membership;
4. District career and technical education expenditures.

The enrollment, extended contract, and CTSO information comes from the 'Career and Technical Education Student Participation Reports' your district submits to our office each February. The district expenditures are determined from financial reports sent to the Office of Public Instruction.

Only CTE programs that meet the general guidelines in the *Montana Standards and Guidelines for Career and Vocational/Technical Education* are included in the CTE enrollment factor. Enrollment calculations are based on Montana Accreditation Standards.

State CTE funds are intended to supplement existing district budgets in the area of career and technical education. Examples of approved uses of state CTE funds are: CTE teacher salaries for extended contracts, stipends to CTE teachers for supervision of CTSO's, instructional supplies and/or instructional equipment used in an approved program, instruction-related travel expenses for an approved CTE program or CTSO, repair, maintenance and leasing of instructional equipment for an approved CTE program.

Montana Applications for WBEA Professional Development Institute Due Friday, November 1

The [Montana Business Education Association](#) (MBEA) is seeking applications for Montana business education professionals who are interested in attending the 2014 Western Business Education Association's Professional Development Institute. The [Professional Development Institute](#) will be held during the [2014 WBEA Conference](#) in Portland, Oregon.

MBEA will reimburse half of the basic [2014 WBEA conference](#) registration fee for two (2) Montana business education professionals to attend the [2014 Professional Development Institute](#). Those interested in attending the 2014 Professional Development must complete the [2014 Professional Development Application](#) and submit to MBEA President Elaine Stedman at estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us by Friday, November 1, 2014.

The selected two representatives will be notified of their approval in time to complete the early bird registration by the November 15 deadline. Selected individuals will be responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses, which can be paid by Perkins or State CTE funds.

Additional details about the [2014 Professional Development Institute](http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/pdi.html) can be found at <http://www.wbea.info/new/profdev/pdi.html> and [2014 WBEA Conference](http://www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2014/2014conference.html) information is available at <http://www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2014/2014conference.html>.

For questions about the 2014 Professional Development Institute or the application, please contact MBEA President Elaine Stedman at estedman@sidney.k12.mt.us.

Conversation with the Chairman of Federal Reserve

As the Federal Reserve System commemorates 100 years of service to the American people, Chairman Ben Bernanke will share his perspective with educators around the country. Educators are invited to a special program on the evening of Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

Events for teachers will take place in Helena, and will include the videocast presentation with the Chairman, tour of the bank and discussion of teacher resources produced by the Fed. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask the Chairman follow-up questions.

Event Schedule

3:30 pm MST—Arrive at Branch for event

4:00 pm MST—Tour of building, including Cash Department

5:00 pm MST—Videostream Conversation with Chairman Bernanke

6:00 pm MST—Wrap-up discussion

[Click here to register](#)

2014 Montana Economics Challenge – Save the Date

The Helena Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is pleased to announce the dates for the 2014 Montana Economics Challenge.

The 2014 Economics Challenge will be held in Helena on Monday, March 3, 2014.

For more information regarding the 2014 Montana Economics Challenge, please contact Rhonda Krieger at 800.823.4333, ext. 3964, or via email at Helena.MTChallenge@mpls.frb.org.

CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant Now Available

CenturyLink Foundation has allocated \$20,000 to the Montana Association for Career & Technical Education (Montana ACTE) through an education grant to be awarded to Montana K-12 educators who demonstrate innovative uses of technology in the classroom. The funds will be disbursed to local school districts on a competitive basis.

The funds may be used to purchase the following for use in the classroom: supplies and materials, software and hardware, or professional development activities. Any supplies and materials, software and hardware purchased become the property of the school should the teacher leave the school.

The funds will be available May, 2014 and must be spent during the 2014-2015 academic school year. The funds must be spent by June 30, 2015.

The complete CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant application is available on the Montana ACTE website at www.montanacte.org. The deadline for applications is January 10, 2014.

The grant application process will be administered by a partnership of Montana ACTE and CenturyLink.

Adobe Textbooks Looking for a Good Home

Sharon Mattix at Hamilton High School (mattixs@hsd3.org) has 17 copies of *Web Collection Revealed--for CS4 Flash, Dreamweaver and Photoshop* if anyone can use them.

For more information about the textbooks and how they can become part of your program's curriculum, please contact Sharon at mattixs@hsd3.org.

2013-2014 Perkins Grant Approval Reminder

To All High School Districts Applying For Perkins Federal Funding—

If your Perkins E-Grant Application has already been approved by the OPI for 2013-2014, please disregard this reminder.

The CTE Division of the OPI is providing this brief, but friendly reminder to all districts intending to submit a 2013-2014 Perkins grant application to please obtain final OPI approval of your Perkins application through the E-Grants system no later than **Tuesday, December 31, 2013**.

Only the initial/original application is subject to this deadline. Amendments to your approved Perkins application can occur after the December date. If you have questions regarding the status of your Perkins grant application, please contact one of the following CTE Division staff:

Brad King: phone: 406.444.4451; email: bking2@mt.gov

Renee Harris: phone: 406.994.6986; email: rharris3@mt.gov

Diana Fiedler: phone: 406.444.9019; email: dfiedler@mt.gov

Be Sure to Report on Graduate for Fall 2013 Perkins Data Collection

The Fall 2013 CTE Data Collection began on October 1 and ends on December 31, 2013. The Fall CTE Data Collection is a follow up to last year's Spring CTE Data Collection. Students identified as Perkins CTE Concentrators last year (2012-2013) and graduated in the spring of 2013 should be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and asked their current post-graduation status.

After contact, the appropriate post-graduation status code must be entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus data system for each CTE Concentrator. All high schools that received funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program in 2012-2013 are required to complete this fall follow up collection to maintain their eligibility to receive Perkins funding.

Instructions for completing the Fall CTE Data Collection—called the '*Quick Reference Guide*' for the Fall CTE Data Collection—are located in two places on the OPI website: on the AIM web page listed in Reports and Data and also on the **Secondary CTE** web page under the '*Data Collections*' tab located at this link:

http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6.

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to verify the list of CTE Concentrators from what your district submitted last spring. Any additions, corrections, or changes to the list of CTE Concentrators must be made no later than November 15, 2013, to be accurately reflected in federal reporting and used to compute Perkins Performance Indicators for your school.

Technical AIM questions regarding the Fall CTE Data Collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 (toll-free) or email opiainhelp@mt.gov. Questions regarding the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program data requirements should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or email dfiedler@mt.gov.

Early Bird Gets the ROSE – Registration for 2014 WBEA Due Soon, November 15

The site for the 2014 [Western Business Education Association](#) (WBEA) Conference is the Rose City of Portland, Oregon. Plan to join fellow western region business education professions February 13-17, 2014, for this dynamic and informative professional development event.

Early Bird registration for the [2014 WBEA Conference](#) ends Friday, November 15. Registration information, conference schedule, tour details, and hotel information can be found on the [2014 WBEA Conference](#) page of the WBEA website at <http://www.wbea.info/new/conferences/2014/2014conference.html>.

For those interested, college credit is also available from Oregon State University. Credit requirements can also be found on the [2014 WBEA Conference](#). If you are not interested in the credit, you can apply with the Office of Public Instruction for pre-approval and earn Renewal Units. Just complete the [Pre-Approval Form](#) and submit all necessary documentation at least two weeks prior to the conference.

Fun Facts and Trivia

The highest point in the state is Granite Peak at 12,799 feet. Granite Peak is located west of Red Lodge in the Beartooth Mountains

The most visited place in Montana is Glacier National Park, known as the crown jewel of the continent. It lies along Montana's northern border and adjoins Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada, forming the world's first International Peace Park.

Buffalo in the wild can still be viewed at the National Bison Range in Moiese, south of Flathead Lake and west of the Mission Mountains.

Montana's first territorial capital, Bannack, has been preserved as a ghost town state park along once gold-laden Grasshopper Creek.

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

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