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SAF Awards \$56,000 in Circle of Succe\$\$ Grants to Montana Students

Environmental engineer. Dental hygienist. Teacher. These are just some of the professions the 2011 recipients of Student Assistance Foundation's Circle of Succe\$\$ Grants said they'd like to pursue when they graduate from college.

"Some people have the mindset that the world owes them something, but I believe we owe something to the world," said Kevin Tweten, a Circle of Succe\$\$ Grant winner from Nashua. "I decided I would like to work in the environmental engineering field. I would not only be doing something I enjoy, but also something for the good of our beautiful earth."

Tweten, who attends Montana Tech of The University of Montana in Butte, is one of 56 second, third or fourth-year Montana college students who received \$1,000 Circle of Succe\$\$ Grants to help fund the continuation of his postsecondary education recently.

For the past six years, SAF employees have contributed money through voluntary payroll deductions to help Montana students attain higher education through the grant program. Funds raised from SAF's annual golf scramble also contributed to the total grant amount.

Darbie Hess, grants manager for SAF, said the committee charged with selecting the grant recipients had a challenging duty in narrowing the numerous applications to meet the number of grants available.

"Each year we see grant requests from so many dedicated and talented students, it's always difficult to select just a few to receive Circle of Succe\$\$ Grants," she said. "At SAF, it's our privilege to assist Montana students in this manner — it's an excellent opportunity for our employees to truly live SAF's mission and make a difference for the Montana students and families we serve."

To date, SAF has distributed \$341,000 in Circle of Succe\$\$ Grants.

To learn more about SAF and our 2011 Circle of Succe\$\$ Grant program recipients, check us out on Facebook!

Student Assistance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Montana corporation that provides students with knowledge and tools to finance and pursue their postsecondary education. Funds generated by SAF are returned to Montanans in the form of education grants and public benefit programs - to date more than \$20.1 million. For more information, visit www.safmt.org or www.SmartAboutCollege.org.

2011 Circle of Success Grant Recipients

Name	City
Christina Schlaht	Alberton
Tabitha Knadler	Anaconda
Andrew Crawford	Bigfork
Courtney Pawlowski	Billings
Hilary Gourneau	Billings
Karisa Aurand	Billings
Kelcy Lott	Billings
Nikita Olson	Billings
Courtney Jones	Bozeman
Rebecca Badgett	Broadview
Jaycilyn Croff	Browning
Amanda Stajcar	Butte
Cade Foster	Butte
Casey Trang	Butte
Kayla McCartney	Butte
Scott Tallerico	Butte
Tyler Breuer	Butte
Benjamin Woody	Columbia Falls
Julie Schroder	Deer Lodge
Cory Lovec	Ekalaka
Derrek Ingledue	Glendive
Amy Brown	Great Falls
Jen Jacobson	Great Falls
Katie Manning	Great Falls
Katie Vaughan	Great Falls
Kristine Koosmann	Great Falls
William Omholt-Montague	Great Falls
Azher Dunn	Helena
Max Whitney	Helena
Texel Feder	Helena
Travis Marshall	Helena
Alyson Murnion	Jordan
Amber Harrell	Kalispell
Carla Scott	Kalispell
Cinnamon Davis	Kalispell
Justin Rubalcaba	Kalispell

Terri VonderHeide	Kalispell
Jennifer Wiederhold	Lincoln
Talista Stevens	Lodge Grass
James Love	Miles City
Alysa Kelly	Missoula
Erika Surmi	Missoula
Kasey Hugs	Missoula
Kerry Heard	Missoula
Kristen Rogers	Missoula
Taylor Wilcox	Missoula
Sydney St. Goddard	Missoula
Kevin Tweten	Nashua
Angela LaRoque	Olney
Liselle Moberg	Redstone
Hannah Landeraaen	Scobey
Terri Mansfield-Wright	Somers
Dakoda Simmes	Sunburst
Gaelyn Domino	Townsend
Stacie Pugh	Whitefish
Kaci Wohlfeil	Worden