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**Raise Money for Scholarships at SAF's Out of the Blue Bash April 20**

Feeling blue? Snap out of it at Student Assistance Foundation's "Out of the Blue" Bash on April 20 at the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds in Helena.

Join everyone's favorite Montana band, The Clintons, for an evening of great tunes and fun food, and support a great cause at the same time. All proceeds benefit SAF's Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarship program.

Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships are awarded annually to second, third and fourth-year Montana students to assist with costs associated with attaining postsecondary education. SAF's goal is to distribute at least one, \$1,000 scholarship in honor of each of Montana's 56 counties. To date, SAF has distributed \$470,000 through the program.

Funds for the scholarships are raised through voluntary SAF employee contributions, private donations, and events including the "Out of the Blue" Bash, SAF's annual golf scramble, and the Running Amuck for Scholarship Bucks mud run.

Recipients of the 2013 Circle of Succe\$\$ scholarships intend to pursue careers in occupational therapy, electrical engineering, accounting, teaching and more.

"I am unbelievably excited to have been awarded this scholarship," said Anna Adolphson, an accounting student at Montana State University. "It will be extremely helpful as I finish up my last stretch of graduate school."

For your chance to win a \$1,000 education award, be sure to purchase a "Blue Collector's Cup" for \$10 at the bash. The winner can use the funds as a scholarship, a contribution to a 529 education savings plan, or apply them to an existing student loan.

Also, check out the variety of silent auction items up for bid. So far, we have items from a variety of area businesses like the Canyon Ferry Mini Basket, Starbucks, La Casa Fiesta, Exploration Works and more.

Visit [SmartAboutCollege.org](http://SmartAboutCollege.org) for more information, and purchase your tickets online at [lewisandclarkcountyfairgrounds.com](http://lewisandclarkcountyfairgrounds.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door.

Also, don't forget to "like" Out of the Blue Bash on Facebook to get event updates.

*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 \$27 million. For more information, visit [www.safmt.org](http://www.safmt.org) or [www.SmartAboutCollege.org](http://www.SmartAboutCollege.org).