



**GREAT FALLS
COLLEGE**

MONTANA STATE
UNIVERSITY

Payroll Packet

Welcome to Great Falls College Montana State University!

Listed below is a checklist with items that need to be *completed and returned prior to beginning employment*. Once your completed Payroll Packet has been received, your employee ID and e-mail account can be created, and you will be set up in payroll.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Checklist



New Payroll Packet

Check both sides of pages which require responses AND check boxes below.

- Marketplace Insurance Acknowledgment** (in compliance with The Affordable Care Act)
- New Employee Information Form** (2 pages)
- EEO**
- Form W-4** (federal)
- Form MW-4** (state)
- Direct Deposit Form** (optional)
- Statement of Selective Service Registration Status**
- Form I-9:** started electronically, check your email for the link. Once that is completed bring your identification in to be verified in person. (copies of documents will NOT be accepted). Acceptable document lists can be found on the last page of this packet.

Choose:

- One document from column A
OR
- One document from column B AND one document from column C

Please return your completed Payroll Packet to:

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Great Falls College MSU 2100
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59405
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GREAT FALLS COLLEGE MSU
 BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL CALENDAR
 2025

PAYDAYS ○
 PAY PERIOD ENDS △
 HOLIDAYS ☆

BLOCK A - '24/'25 ○
 BLOCK B - '24/'25 ●
 SUMMER - '25 ↻
 BLOCK A - '25/'26 ○
 BLOCK B - '25/'26 ●

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2024 Notice of the Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage



PART A: General Information

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows health insurance to be purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by the Montana University System.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium. The open enrollment period for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins November 1st, for coverage beginning January 1st. Other enrollment opportunities may apply.

Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer you coverage or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will **not** be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace, and you may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, if your employer does not offer coverage to you, or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.12% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard¹ set by the ACA, you may be eligible for a tax credit.

Important Note: *If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, you will lose the employer contribution to the employer-offered coverage. This employer contribution - as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage - is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.*

How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about the coverage offered by the Montana University System, check your Summary Plan Description or contact your employer benefits representative.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

¹ An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

3. Employer name Great Falls College MSU		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-0522790	
5. Employer address 2100 16th Ave S		6. Employer phone number 406-268-3701	
7. City Great Falls	8. State MT	9. ZIP code 59405	
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? April Langteau Payroll Manager			
11. Phone number (if different from above)		12. Email address april.langteau@gfcmu.edu	

Here is some basic information about health coverage offered by this employer:

•As your employer, we offer a health plan to:

All employees. Eligible employees are:

Some employees. Eligible employees are:

1. Permanent faculty or professional staff members regularly scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week or 40 hours over two weeks for a continuous period of more than six months in a 12-month period.
2. Temporary faculty or professional staff members scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week or 40 hours over two weeks for a continuous period of more than six months in a 12-month period, or who do so regardless of schedule.
3. Seasonal faculty or professional staff members regularly scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week or 40 hours over two weeks for a continuous period of more than six months in a 12-month period, or who do so regardless of schedule.
4. Academic or professional employees with an individual contract under the authority of the Board of Regents which provides for eligibility under one of the above requirements.

•With respect to dependents:

We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:

Legal spouse: Legally married or certified common-law married spouses, as defined under Montana law, will be eligible for enrollment as a dependent on the MUS Plan. Only legally married or common-law spouses with a certified affidavit of common-law marriage will be eligible for enrollment on the Plan during the employee's initial enrollment period or within 63 days of a qualifying event.
Eligible dependent children under age 26*: Children include your natural children, stepchildren, and children placed in your home for adoption before age 18 or for whom you have court-ordered custody or legal guardianship. *Coverage may continue past age 26 for an eligible unmarried dependent child who is mentally or physically disabled and incapable of self-support and is currently covered on the MUS Plan.
Eligibility is subject to review each benefit Plan Year.

We do not offer coverage.

If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.

** Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

The information below corresponds to the Marketplace Employer Coverage Tool. Completing this section is optional for employers, but will help ensure employees understand their coverage choices.

13. Is the employee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will the employee be eligible in the next 3 months?

Yes (Continue)

13a. If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee eligible for coverage? _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)

No (STOP and return this form to employee)

14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*?

Yes (Go to question 15) No (STOP and return form to employee)

15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* offered only to the employee (don't include family plans): If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/ she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.

a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$ _____

b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Monthly Quarterly Yearly

If the plan year will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go to question 16. If you don't know, STOP and return form to employee.

16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year? _____

Employer won't offer health coverage

Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)

a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$ _____

b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Monthly Quarterly Yearly

* An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)

Retirement System Information

Have you previously been employed by the State of Montana, including; city or county jobs, any Montana school district, or any campus of the Montana University System?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, list agency and approximate dates worked:			
Have you ever participated in a retirement system for public employees?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever retired from a retirement system for public employees?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you still a member of any of these systems?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Employees' Retirement System	Employer	Dates of Employment	Retirement Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Teachers' Retirement System	Employer	Dates of Employment	Retirement Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Game Wardens' Retirement System	Employer	Dates of Employment	Retirement Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Employer	Dates of Employment	Retirement Date

Notice of Public Employees Retirement Eligibility

Classified staff who work at least 960 hours in one fiscal year are required to enroll in the Public Employees' Retirement System.

Classified staff who work less than 960 hours may voluntarily elect membership. By electing membership in PERS, a tax-deferred percentage of each paycheck will be automatically deducted. The University will contribute to a percentage of the total covered payroll to PERS.

- I expect to work less than 960 hours per fiscal year and I wish to enroll in PERS. I understand that my contributions will begin following the receipt of completed enrollment application.
- I expect to work less than 960 hours per fiscal year and I do NOT elect PERS membership at this time. I understand it is my responsibility to notify the Human Resources and Pay roll Office of any future change of election.



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Marketplace Insurance Coverage

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received the notification explaining about health benefit options under the Health Insurance Marketplace (Marketplace).

Print Name

Signature



MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

0 Broadway ♦ PO Box 203101 ♦ Helena, Montana 59620-3101 ♦ (406)444-6570 ♦ FAX (406)444-1469

Statement of Selective Service Registration Status

If you are a male, born after July 1, 1975, the Montana Compliance with Military Selective Service Act requires that you register with the Selective Service System unless you meet certain exemptions under Selective Service law. If you are required to register, but fail to do so, you are not eligible for employment with the Montana University System.

Non-registered Men Under Age 26

If you have reached your 18th birthday, are under age 26, and have not registered, you **must** register. The Montana University System is prohibited from hiring you unless you are registered.

Certification of Registration Status

Check one:

- I certify that I am registered with the Selective Service System.
- I certify that I am not required to register with the Selective Service Administration.

False Statement Notification

A false statement may be grounds for not hiring you, or for dismissing you if you have already begun work. Also, you may be punished by fine or imprisonment.

Legal signature of individual

Date signed

To register with the Selective Service or to obtain more information, visit the Selective Service System at www.sss.gov, call 1-847-688-6888, or write to:

*Selective Service System
Registration Information Office
P. O. Box 94638
Palatine, IL 60094-4638*

Employee's Withholding Certificate

**Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay.
 Give Form W-4 to your employer.
 Your withholding is subject to review by the IRS.**

2024

Step 1: Enter Personal Information	(a) First name and middle initial	Last name	(b) Social security number
	Address		Does your name match the name on your social security card? If not, to ensure you get credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov .
	City or town, state, and ZIP code		
	(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Single or Married filing separately <input type="checkbox"/> Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Head of household (Check only if you're unmarried and pay more than half the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and a qualifying individual.)		

Complete Steps 2–4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwise, skip to Step 5. See page 2 for more information on each step, who can claim exemption from withholding, and when to use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App.

**Step 2:
Multiple Jobs
or Spouse
Works**

Complete this step if you (1) hold more than one job at a time, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse also works. The correct amount of withholding depends on income earned from all of these jobs.

Do **only one** of the following.

(a) Use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App for most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4). If you or your spouse have self-employment income, use this option; **or**

(b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result in Step 4(c) below; **or**

(c) If there are only two jobs total, you may check this box. Do the same on Form W-4 for the other job. This option is generally more accurate than (b) if pay at the lower paying job is more than half of the pay at the higher paying job. Otherwise, (b) is more accurate

Complete Steps 3–4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of these jobs. Leave those steps blank for the other jobs. (Your withholding will be most accurate if you complete Steps 3–4(b) on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.)

Step 3: Claim Dependent and Other Credits	If your total income will be \$200,000 or less (\$400,000 or less if married filing jointly): Multiply the number of qualifying children under age 17 by \$2,000 \$ _____ Multiply the number of other dependents by \$500 \$ _____ Add the amounts above for qualifying children and other dependents. You may add to this the amount of any other credits. Enter the total here	3	\$
Step 4 (optional): Other Adjustments	(a) Other income (not from jobs). If you want tax withheld for other income you expect this year that won't have withholding, enter the amount of other income here. This may include interest, dividends, and retirement income	4(a)	\$
	(b) Deductions. If you expect to claim deductions other than the standard deduction and want to reduce your withholding, use the Deductions Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result here	4(b)	\$
	(c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional tax you want withheld each pay period	4(c)	\$

Step 5: Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.		
	_____ Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)		_____ Date

Employers Only	Employer's name and address	First date of employment	Employer identification number (EIN)
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Future Developments

For the latest information about developments related to Form W-4, such as legislation enacted after it was published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW4.

Purpose of Form

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. If too little is withheld, you will generally owe tax when you file your tax return and may owe a penalty. If too much is withheld, you will generally be due a refund. Complete a new Form W-4 when changes to your personal or financial situation would change the entries on the form. For more information on withholding and when you must furnish a new Form W-4, see Pub. 505, Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax.

Exemption from withholding. You may claim exemption from withholding for 2024 if you meet both of the following conditions: you had no federal income tax liability in 2023 **and** you expect to have no federal income tax liability in 2024. You had no federal income tax liability in 2023 if (1) your total tax on line 24 on your 2023 Form 1040 or 1040-SR is zero (or less than the sum of lines 27, 28, and 29), or (2) you were not required to file a return because your income was below the filing threshold for your correct filing status. If you claim exemption, you will have no income tax withheld from your paycheck and may owe taxes and penalties when you file your 2024 tax return. To claim exemption from withholding, certify that you meet both of the conditions above by writing "Exempt" on Form W-4 in the space below Step 4(c). Then, complete Steps 1(a), 1(b), and 5. Do not complete any other steps. You will need to submit a new Form W-4 by February 15, 2025.

Your privacy. Steps 2(c) and 4(a) ask for information regarding income you received from sources other than the job associated with this Form W-4. If you have concerns with providing the information asked for in Step 2(c), you may choose Step 2(b) as an alternative; if you have concerns with providing the information asked for in Step 4(a), you may enter an additional amount you want withheld per pay period in Step 4(c) as an alternative.

When to use the estimator. Consider using the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App if you:

1. Expect to work only part of the year;
2. Receive dividends, capital gains, social security, bonuses, or business income, or are subject to the Additional Medicare Tax or Net Investment Income Tax; or
3. Prefer the most accurate withholding for multiple job situations.

Self-employment. Generally, you will owe both income and self-employment taxes on any self-employment income you receive separate from the wages you receive as an employee. If you want to pay these taxes through withholding from your wages, use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App to figure the amount to have withheld.

Nonresident alien. If you're a nonresident alien, see Notice 1392, Supplemental Form W-4 Instructions for Nonresident Aliens, before completing this form.

Specific Instructions

Step 1(c). Check your anticipated filing status. This will determine the standard deduction and tax rates used to compute your withholding.

Step 2. Use this step if you (1) have more than one job at the same time, or (2) are married filing jointly and you and your spouse both work.

Option (a) most accurately calculates the additional tax you need to have withheld, while option (b) does so with a little less accuracy.

Instead, if you (and your spouse) have a total of only two jobs, you may check the box in option (c). The box must also be checked on the Form W-4 for the other job. If the box is checked, the standard deduction and tax brackets will be cut in half for each job to calculate withholding. This option is accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld, and this extra amount will be larger the greater the difference in pay is between the two jobs.



Multiple jobs. Complete Steps 3 through 4(b) on only one Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you do this on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.

Step 3. This step provides instructions for determining the amount of the child tax credit and the credit for other dependents that you may be able to claim when you file your tax return. To qualify for the child tax credit, the child must be under age 17 as of December 31, must be your dependent who generally lives with you for more than half the year, and must have the required social security number. You may be able to claim a credit for other dependents for whom a child tax credit can't be claimed, such as an older child or a qualifying relative. For additional eligibility requirements for these credits, see Pub. 501, Dependents, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information. You can also include **other tax credits** for which you are eligible in this step, such as the foreign tax credit and the education tax credits. To do so, add an estimate of the amount for the year to your credits for dependents and enter the total amount in Step 3. Including these credits will increase your paycheck and reduce the amount of any refund you may receive when you file your tax return.

Step 4 (optional).

Step 4(a). Enter in this step the total of your other estimated income for the year, if any. You shouldn't include income from any jobs or self-employment. If you complete Step 4(a), you likely won't have to make estimated tax payments for that income. If you prefer to pay estimated tax rather than having tax on other income withheld from your paycheck, see Form 1040-ES, Estimated Tax for Individuals.

Step 4(b). Enter in this step the amount from the Deductions Worksheet, line 5, if you expect to claim deductions other than the basic standard deduction on your 2024 tax return and want to reduce your withholding to account for these deductions. This includes both itemized deductions and other deductions such as for student loan interest and IRAs.

Step 4(c). Enter in this step any additional tax you want withheld from your pay **each pay period**, including any amounts from the Multiple Jobs Worksheet, line 4. Entering an amount here will reduce your paycheck and will either increase your refund or reduce any amount of tax that you owe.

Step 2(b) – Multiple Jobs Worksheet (Keep for your records.)



If you choose the option in Step 2(b) on Form W-4, complete this worksheet (which calculates the total extra tax for all jobs) on only ONE Form W-4. Withholding will be most accurate if you complete the worksheet and enter the result on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job. To be accurate, submit a new Form W-4 for all other jobs if you have not updated your withholding since 2019.

Note: If more than one job has annual wages of more than \$120,000 or there are more than three jobs, see Pub. 505 for additional tables; or, you can use the online withholding estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App.

- 1 Two jobs. If you have two jobs or you're married filing jointly and you and your spouse each have one job, find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4. Using the "Higher Paying Job" row and the "Lower Paying Job" column, find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value on line 1. Then, skip to line 3
2 Three jobs. If you and/or your spouse have three jobs at the same time, complete lines 2a, 2b, and 2c below. Otherwise, skip to line 3.
a Find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4 using the annual wages from the highest paying job in the "Higher Paying Job" row and the annual wages for your next highest paying job in the "Lower Paying Job" column. Find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value on line 2a
b Add the annual wages of the two highest paying jobs from line 2a together and use the total as the wages in the "Higher Paying Job" row and use the annual wages for your third job in the "Lower Paying Job" column to find the amount from the appropriate table on page 4 and enter this amount on line 2b
c Add the amounts from lines 2a and 2b and enter the result on line 2c
3 Enter the number of pay periods per year for the highest paying job. For example, if that job pays weekly, enter 52; if it pays every other week, enter 26; if it pays monthly, enter 12, etc.
4 Divide the annual amount on line 1 or line 2c by the number of pay periods on line 3. Enter this amount here and in Step 4(c) of Form W-4 for the highest paying job (along with any other additional amount you want withheld)

Step 4(b) – Deductions Worksheet (Keep for your records.)



- 1 Enter an estimate of your 2024 itemized deductions (from Schedule A (Form 1040)). Such deductions may include qualifying home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes (up to \$10,000), and medical expenses in excess of 7.5% of your income
2 Enter: { \$29,200 if you're married filing jointly or a qualifying surviving spouse; \$21,900 if you're head of household; \$14,600 if you're single or married filing separately }
3 If line 1 is greater than line 2, subtract line 2 from line 1 and enter the result here. If line 2 is greater than line 1, enter "-0-"
4 Enter an estimate of your student loan interest, deductible IRA contributions, and certain other adjustments (from Part II of Schedule 1 (Form 1040)). See Pub. 505 for more information
5 Add lines 3 and 4. Enter the result here and in Step 4(b) of Form W-4

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice. We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. Internal Revenue Code sections 3402(f)(2) and 6109 and their regulations require you to provide this information; your employer uses it to determine your federal income tax withholding. Failure to provide a properly completed form will result in your being treated as a single person with no other entries on the form; providing fraudulent information may subject you to penalties. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation; to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. commonwealths and territories for use in administering their tax laws; and to the Department of Health and Human Services for use in the National Directory of New Hires. We may also disclose this information to other countries under a tax treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce federal nontax criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism.

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. Generally, tax returns and return information are confidential, as required by Code section 6103.

The average time and expenses required to complete and file this form will vary depending on individual circumstances. For estimated averages, see the instructions for your income tax return.

If you have suggestions for making this form simpler, we would be happy to hear from you. See the instructions for your income tax return.



Montana Employee's Withholding and Exemption Certificate

MW-4
V4 10/2023

Employee's first name and middle initial	Last name	Social Security Number								
Physical address										
City		State	ZIP Code							

Complete Form MW-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct Montana income tax from your pay. See **Employee Instructions** on the back of this form before completing this form.

1. Federal filing status

- a. Single or married filing separately (If you have multiple jobs, complete the Multiple Jobs Worksheet.)
- b. Married filing jointly or qualifying widower (If you and your spouse have multiple jobs, see line 2.)
- c. Head of household

2. **Married Filing Jointly with Both Spouses Working.** If you are married and you and your spouse are both working and earn similar incomes, mark the box. If you and your spouse have multiple jobs, and your spouse earns significantly more or less than you, do not mark this box. Instead, mark box 1b, then complete the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 2 and enter the result on line 3.

3. **Extra withholding.** Enter any additional tax you want withheld from each pay period, including any amount you want withheld from retirement distributions. **3.** _____

4. **Reduced withholding.** If you expect to report large federal adjustments, federal itemized deductions, Montana subtractions, and/or Montana tax credits, you can direct your employer to withhold the amount you report on this line. (*Caution:* Requesting a reduced amount of withholding may result in a tax due when you file your tax return.) **4.** _____

5. Exemptions for Tax Year

You may be entitled to claim an exemption from Montana income tax withholding if your income is exempt from Montana income tax. Mark the box to indicate the reason you believe you are exempt from Montana income tax.

- a. I am exempt because I am an enrolled member of a registered tribe, I live on the reservation of that tribe, and I earn wages from work performed on that reservation. (You must complete line 1 or 2.)
- b. I am exempt because I am a member of the Reserve or National Guard and my compensation is earned under U.S.C. Title 10. (You must complete line 1 or 2.)
- c. I am exempt because I am a North Dakota resident.
- d. I am exempt because I am a resident of another state living in Montana solely to be with my spouse, who is a resident of the same state and a member of the U.S. armed forces assigned to a military location in Montana.

Under penalty of false swearing, I declare that I have examined this certificate and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)

Employee's Signature _____ Date _____

Employer Information

Name	Federal Employer Identification Number								
Mailing Address	MT Withholding Account ID								
City	State	ZIP Code							

Multiple Jobs Worksheet

Complete this worksheet if you have multiple jobs, or if you are married filing jointly with both spouses working. This worksheet calculates the total extra withholding for all jobs. Complete this worksheet on the Form MW-4 for the highest paying job for the most accurate results. The amount on line 4 is the additional amount to withhold from your wages.

- 1. Two jobs.** If you have two jobs or you are married filing jointly and you and your spouse each have one job, find the amount from the appropriate table on page 5 or 6. Using the “Higher Paying Job” row and the “Lower Paying Job” column, find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value here. 1. _____
- 2. Three jobs.** If you and/or your spouse have three jobs at the same time, complete lines 2a, 2b, and 2c below. Otherwise, skip to line 3.
- 2a.** Find the amount from the appropriate table on page 5 or 6 using the annual wages from the highest paying job in the “Higher Paying Job” row and the annual wages for your next highest paying job in the “Lower Paying Job” column. Find the value at the intersection of the two household salaries and enter that value here. 2a. _____
- 2b.** Add the annual wages of the two highest paying jobs from line 2a together and use the total as the wages in the “Higher Paying Job” row and use the annual wages for your third job in the “Lower Paying Job” column to find the amount from the appropriate table on page 5 or 6 and enter this amount on line 2b. 2b. _____
- 2c.** Add lines 2a and 2b. 2c. _____
- 3.** Enter the number of pay periods per year for the highest paying job. For example, if that job pays weekly, enter 52. If it pays every other week, enter 26. If it pays monthly, enter 12. 3. _____
- 4.** Divide the annual amount on line 1 or line 2c by the amount of pay periods on line 3. Enter this amount here and on Form MW-4, line 3 of the Form MW-4 for the highest paying job (along with any other additional amount you want withheld). 4. _____

Beginning in Tax Year 2024, Montana’s income tax system will change significantly. Taxpayers will see changes to filing statuses, tax brackets, and the calculation of Montana taxable income.

As a result of these changes, wage withholding determined before January 1, 2024, may not accurately reflect an employee’s actual tax liability under the new system.

Employees should complete a new Form MW-4 beginning January 1, 2024, to ensure the correct amount of Montana income tax is withheld from their wages.

Employee Instructions

Purpose

Complete Form MW-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct Montana income tax from your pay. You should complete the form when you:

- Start a new job.
- Claim to be exempt from Montana income tax withholding.

Consider completing a new Form MW-4 if your personal or financial situation changes. If you do not have enough income tax withheld from your wages, interest and/or penalties may be assessed when you file your individual income tax return.

Line Instructions

Line 1 – Federal filing status. Select the federal filing status you will use when you file your income tax return. This will determine the standard deduction and tax rates used to compute your wage withholding. If you have multiple jobs, complete the Multiple Jobs Worksheet, and report the additional amount from line 4 of the worksheet on page 1, line 3.

Line 2 – Married Filing Jointly with Both Spouses Working. If you are married, both spouses work, and earn similar amounts, mark this box on this form and all Forms MW-4 for the other jobs. If this box is checked, the standard deduction and tax brackets will be cut in half for each job to calculate withholding. This is roughly accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise more tax than necessary will be withheld. If you or your spouse have multiple jobs, or if one spouse earns significantly more than the other, do not mark this box. Instead, mark box 1b, and complete the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on the Form MW-4 of the highest paid job. Report the additional amount to withhold on line 3 on the Form MW-4 of the highest paid job.

Line 3 – Extra withholding. You may request to have an additional amount of taxes withheld from your paycheck on this line. If you want to receive a refund, you may enter an additional amount on this line.

If you receive pensions or annuities, you may ask the payer to withhold a flat amount that you report on this line.

You can choose to have Montana income tax withheld from your unemployment compensation. Report the amount you want the payer to withhold on this line.

Line 4 – Reduced withholding. If your income mainly consists of wages, and you expect to report large federal adjustments, federal itemized deductions, Montana subtractions, and/or Montana tax credits, you may direct your employer to only withhold the amount you report on this line. Your employer will not use the standard calculations for withholding. To calculate the amount needed, divide the amount of your expected tax by the number of pay periods in a year. Enter the amount to be withheld rather than the standard calculation. If this line is blank,

your withholding will be calculated based on the standard calculations.

CAUTION. This will reduce the amount of tax withheld and may result in a balance owing on your income tax return.

Line 5 – Exemptions. You must meet one of the following requirements to claim an exemption from Montana wage withholding:

- a. You are an enrolled member of an American Indian tribe living and working on the reservation of which you are an enrolled member. You must also complete line 1 or 2 because your exemption may not cover all the wages you earned in Montana.
- b. You are a member of the Montana National Guard and are receiving pay for active duty in the U.S. military under USC Title 10 orders. You must also complete line 1 or 2 because your exemption only applies to your pay derived from your USC Title 10 orders.
- c. Your wages are exempt from withholding because you are a resident of North Dakota. This exemption is available for residents of North Dakota because of the reciprocity agreement in place between North Dakota and Montana.
- d. You are the spouse of a military member assigned to duty in Montana, you and your spouse are domiciled in another state (the same state as one another) and you are present in Montana solely to be with your spouse.

To claim an exemption, give this form to your employer upon the start of your employment, or as soon as you qualify for an exemption. If it remains applicable, your exemption needs to be renewed before the beginning of the next year. Provide a new Form MW-4 to your employer each year or your employer will begin withholding. Do not forget to indicate the year.

Montana does not recognize the federal exempt status available on the federal Form W-4. Therefore, exemption from withholding for federal purposes does not exempt you from Montana income tax withholding.

An exemption from withholding is available only if the entire statement you marked on line 5 is true. If your situation changes, and your exemption is no longer valid, you must provide a new Form MW-4 to your employer with line 1 or 2 completed.

If you claim one of the exemptions from withholding, your employer must file an electronic copy of this form with the Department of Revenue.

An exemption from withholding is not an automatic exemption from filing a Montana income tax return. See Montana Individual Income Tax Return (Form 2) instructions for more guidance.

Employer Instructions

Montana wage withholding is required when wages are earned in Montana. Employers are liable for Montana withholding taxes and are only relieved of that liability once they have withheld the correct amount of taxes from the employees' wages for a given pay period.

Newly hired employees must complete this form when they begin working for you. Employees claiming to be exempt from Montana wage withholding must complete this form when they begin working for you and every year thereafter. Employees may file a new Form MW-4 if their personal or financial situation changes.

Keep the copies of all Forms MW-4 you receive from your employees with your records.

Exemptions from Montana Withholding

You must file your employee's Form MW-4 with the department if the employee is claiming one of the withholding exemptions listed on line 5. The form is due to the department by the last day of the payroll period in which the form was received and annually thereafter by January 31.

File online using the department's TransAction Portal (TAP) at <https://tap.dor.mt.gov>. Simply click on "File Form MW-4." Do not mail the Form MW-4 to the department.

If an exemption is claimed on line 5a or 5b, you must withhold taxes on any wages paid that do not meet the requirements of these exemptions.

Example: If 5a is marked, the exemption does not apply to wages earned from an enrolled member of a tribe, residing on his or her reservation, when the work is performed outside the reservation. Withholding is required on the wages derived from work performed outside the reservation, based on the filing status on line 1 or 2. If line 1 or 2 is not completed, the withholding is calculated using the single filing status until a new Form MW-4 is provided for the calculation of the withholding.

Invalid Forms MW-4

A Form MW-4 is invalid if the form is incomplete or lacks the necessary signatures. If your employee's Form MW-4 is invalid or incomplete, withhold Montana tax as if the employee is single.

Questions? Call us at (406) 444-6900, or Montana Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.



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Payroll Direct Deposit Authorization Form

Complete the required information, print off, attach bank document, sign and return hard copy to
Payroll Office, Great Falls College MSU

I hereby authorize Great Falls College MSU to distribute my pay as indicated herein.

- With Direct Deposit, I understand that all of my net pay will be deposited in the bank account(s) as shown below. This authorization will remain in effect until GF College MSU receives written notice from me to cancel or change this authorization or I terminate employment at GF College MSU.
- I understand that if I change bank services, I must inform the Payroll Office of any changes prior to making the change.
- I further understand that a pay stub detail report will be available through Banner Web (My Info) under Employee Services and Pay Information

Name: *(Last)* _____ *(First)* _____ *(MI)* _____

Department you work for: _____

Banner Generated ID Number (GID): _____ Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____	Date: _____
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REQUIRED INFORMATION TO:

Add – You may deposit into a maximum of three accounts. Please Attach a voided check containing your preprinted name for each account OR a letter from your bank that contains your name and banking information.

Cancel or Change – The bank account number of the account you wish to cancel or change must be included on this form.

Add, Cancel or Change	Bank Routing #	Bank Account #	Dollar Amount or Percent of Pay	Checking or Savings	Banking Info Attached
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

Great Falls College MSU Use Only: _____ Date of Active Status: _____

Date documentation received: _____ Date of Change Existing DD: _____

Date of Inactivated DD: _____

LEGAL DESIGNATION OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE DECEDENT'S WARRANTS

Instructions for Employee

1. Complete the Beneficiary Designation portion of this form. This form must be typed or printed legibly in ink.
2. Provide designee's full legal name (example "Mary Lynn Smith" or "To the Estate of Jane Smith"). The designee name cannot be "Mrs. John E. Smith".
3. No erasures or corrections in the designee's name can be accepted. If an error is made, complete a new form.
4. Inform your HR/payroll personnel when designee's address changes.
5. Sign this form in ink and submit to your agency HR/payroll personnel.
6. Designee may be changed at any time by completing another form and submitting to your agency HR/payroll personnel. You are requested to update your designee every calendar year.

Beneficiary Designation For Decedent's Final Warrants

Pursuant to §2-18-412, MCA, I hereby designate the following person who, notwithstanding any other provision of law, shall be entitled upon my death to receive all state warrants, excluding payment of death benefits and refund of employee retirement contributions, payable to me as a result of my employment with the State of Montana had I survived.

All information is **required**.

Name of Designee _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address _____
Street or PO Box City State Zip Code

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

My signature on this document indicates:

1. I understand this is a legally binding document.
2. I hereby revoke any previous designation filed by me.
3. If the above named designee cannot be contacted within sixty days after the date of my death, this designation shall be void and the warrant will be reissued to my estate.
4. This designation will remain in full force and effect until revoked by me in writing.

Employee Name _____
First Middle Last Social Security Number

Employee Signature Date

Instructions to Employer

Review above information for proper completion by employee and reaffirm to employee, this is a **legally binding document**. Place document in employee's file. Have your employees periodically review their designation.

1. Upon death of employee, complete the information below. The Certifying Officer should be the agency head or personnel officer. **Carefully follow the checklist for Deceased Employee available on the MINE website.**
2. Send two copies of this form to the SHRD Human Resources Information Services Bureau and retain original in employee's file.
3. If death occurs after the warrant has been issued but before it has been negotiated, recover the warrant (if possible) and submit to the SHRD Human Resources Information Services Bureau.

Date of Death

Certifying Officer Signature

Date

FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION - WARRANT WRITING

Agency Contact	Employee Name	Voucher #	Done By
Agency Phone #	Beneficiary Name	Approved by	Date
Vendor #			
Approved By	Journal #	Replacement #	Date
Date	Date	Date	Date



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EEO Data / Affirmative Action Information

Please Note: The information obtained on this form will be kept confidential and maintained in a file separate from the personnel file. It is used for reporting on new hires in accordance with federal regulations and for monitoring our affirmative action program.

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*
 Male Female Yes No
Date of Birth *Sex* *Disabled*

Race/Ethnic Identification

Please check one of the descriptions below corresponding to the ethnic group with which you identify.

- Hispanic or Latino** A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.
- White (Not Hispanic or Latino)** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.
- Black or African American (Not Hispanic or Latino)** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Not Hispanic or Latino)** A person having origins in any of the peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.
- Asian (Not Hispanic or Latino)** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.
- American Indian or Alaska Native (Not Hispanic or Latino)** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.
- Two or More Races (Not Hispanic or Latino)** All persons who identify with more than one of the above races.
- Prefer not to identify.**

Veteran Status

<input type="checkbox"/> No Military Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Active Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> Inactive Reserve
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Veteran, Please List:
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Veteran	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to identify	

Employee Signature: _____

Date: _____

LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

All documents containing an expiration date must be unexpired.

* Documents extended by the issuing authority are considered unexpired.

Employees may present one selection from List A or a combination of one selection from List B and one selection from List C.

Examples of many of these documents appear in the Handbook for Employers (M-274).

LIST A Documents that Establish Both Identity and Employment Authorization	OR	LIST B Documents that Establish Identity	AND	LIST C Documents that Establish Employment Authorization
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card 2. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551) 3. Foreign passport that contains a temporary I-551 stamp or temporary I-551 printed notation on a machine-readable immigrant visa 4. Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph (Form I-766) 5. For an individual temporarily authorized to work for a specific employer because of his or her status or parole: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Foreign passport; and b. Form I-94 or Form I-94A that has the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The same name as the passport; and (2) An endorsement of the individual's status or parole as long as that period of endorsement has not yet expired and the proposed employment is not in conflict with any restrictions or limitations identified on the form. 6. Passport from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) or the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) with Form I-94 or Form I-94A indicating nonimmigrant admission under the Compact of Free Association Between the United States and the FSM or RMI 	OR	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Driver's license or ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address 2. ID card issued by federal, state or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color, and address 3. School ID card with a photograph 4. Voter's registration card 5. U.S. Military card or draft record 6. Military dependent's ID card 7. U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card 8. Native American tribal document 9. Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority <li style="text-align: center;">For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above: 10. School record or report card 11. Clinic, doctor, or hospital record 12. Day-care or nursery school record 	AND	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Social Security Account Number card, unless the card includes one of the following restrictions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT (2) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH INS AUTHORIZATION (3) VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION 2. Certification of report of birth issued by the Department of State (Forms DS-1350, FS-545, FS-240) 3. Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or territory of the United States bearing an official seal 4. Native American tribal document 5. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197) 6. Identification Card for Use of Resident Citizen in the United States (Form I-179) 7. Employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security <p style="margin-left: 20px;">For examples, see Section 7 and Section 13 of the M-274 on uscis.gov/i-9-central.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">The Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document, is a List A, Item Number 4. document, not a List C document.</p>
<p>Acceptable Receipts</p> <p>May be presented in lieu of a document listed above for a temporary period.</p> <p>For receipt validity dates, see the M-274.</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List A document. • Form I-94 issued to a lawful permanent resident that contains an I-551 stamp and a photograph of the individual. • Form I-94 with "RE" notation or refugee stamp issued to a refugee. 	OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List B document. 	AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt for a replacement of a lost, stolen, or damaged List C document.

*Refer to the Employment Authorization Extensions page on [I-9 Central](#) for more information.

**I-9 Verification Documents
Additional Information for New Employees**

Great Falls College MSU Human Resource Office is unable to accept photo copies of the documents listed under columns A, B, or C on the Form I-9 that are used to verify identity. However; in order to facilitate the process of onboarding you as a new employee, it is beneficial to have the payroll packet you received with this offer packet filled out and returned to Human Resources as soon as possible. We realize that not every new employee will be conveniently located in Great Falls, MT at the time they are offered a position of employment.

Please contact Human Resources directly regarding options available to you.

Rachell Rivers

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268-3701

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