

# **BIG SKY STATE GAMES**

## ***CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarship***

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***Scholarship DEADLINE Friday May 14, 2010***  
***Applications available to download at***  
***[www.bigskygames.org](http://www.bigskygames.org)***

*The Big Sky State Games has teamed up with the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition and Kenco Security and Technology to recognize the importance of sportsmanship and character in Montana student athletes. CHARACTER COUNTS! is a nonprofit organization striving to improve the character of today's youth. It is based on common ethical values that transcend political, religious, socio-economic and cultural differences. Called the "Six Pillars of Character," these values are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Character Counts! Scholarship is sponsored by Kenco Security and Technology.*

*Over the past nine years, the Big Sky State Games has awarded the Character Counts! Scholarship to outstanding Montana female and male student-citizen-athletes involved in the Big Sky State Games. The scholarship can be used for any secondary education after high school. This includes trade schools and community colleges.*

*The 2009 winners of the \$500 Character Counts! Scholarships were Ashley Crowe of Billings, Kacie Chatwood of Billings, Thomas Bonogofsky of Belfry, and Thomas Staffileno of Billings.*

*The 2010 scholarships winners will be announced at the 25th Annual Big Sky State Games Opening Ceremonies, Friday, July 16, 2010 at Wendy's Field at Daylis Stadium in Billings*

*Only high school juniors during the 2009-2010 school year are eligible for this scholarship. This is to ensure that fellow students can observe the scholarship winners during their senior year and to recognize the traits the students show. The application will be available at all Montana High Schools Guidance Counselor offices and [www.bigskygames.org](http://www.bigskygames.org).*

*By embracing CHARACTER COUNTS! the Big Sky State Games has taken a proactive approach to building character through athletics.*