

To: Montana State Library Commission  
From: PEEL Advisory Committee  
Date: May 27, 2005  
Re: Final PEEL scholarship recommendations

The PEEL Advisory Committee met in Helena on May 19, 2005, to consider applications received for the second round of the Montana Library Scholarship Program. Eleven complete applications were received and reviewed by Committee members. The pool of applicants was very strong. The Committee was asked to select two award recipients and a list of alternates for the Commission's consideration:

1. Award scholarships to:

**Kathy Mora** (Great Falls) for \$18,000 (University of North Texas)

**Samantha Pierson** (Libby) for \$14,298 (University of Southern Mississippi)

These awards would leave a balance of \$3,702 from the scholarship budget of \$36,000.

2. Award a partial scholarship to **Catherine McMullen** (Bozeman) in the amount of the scholarship balance. If other PEEL grant funds are available, these will also be offered to Catherine. It is possible that money originally budgeted for travel/training but not used could be added to the scholarship budget. IMLS would have to give permission to move any grant funds.

3. If Kathy Mora or Samantha Pierson is unable to accept the award, Catherine McMullen would be the first alternate and offered the available scholarship. Following Catherine, alternates for the scholarship would be Jennifer Vogan (second alternate), Ann-Marie Sukut (third alternate), and Kathy Dunne (fourth alternate).