

**Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, Inc.**

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URL: [www.dpwfoundation.org](http://www.dpwfoundation.org)**Type of Grantmaker:** Company-sponsored foundation**Financial Data** (yr. ended 12/31/11): Assets: \$436,814,858; Total giving: \$20,388,792**EIN:** 363606913**990-PF:** [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#) [2005](#) [2004](#) [2003](#) [2002](#) [2001](#)**Last Updated:** 8/5/2013**Online Communications**[Facebook](#)[Horatio Alger Recipients](#)[Dennis R. Washington Achievement Recipients](#)**Donor(s)**

Dennis &amp; Phyllis Washington

Washington Corporations

Montana Rail Link, Inc.

Montana Resources, L.L.P

Dennis Washington

Phyllis J. Washington

Modern Machinery, Inc.

**Background**

Established in 1988 in MT.

**Limitations**

Giving primarily in areas of company operations, with emphasis on MT.

No support for discriminatory organizations, sectarian or religious organizations not of direct benefit to the entire community, veterans' or fraternal organizations not of direct benefit to the entire community, private or public foundations, or political action or legislative advocacy groups.

No grants to individuals (except for scholarships), or for debt reduction, general operating support, travel expenses or trips, endowments, sponsorships including auctions, dinners, tickets, advertising, or annual fundraising events, curriculum development for educational institutions, or motor vehicle or other transportation equipment purchases; generally, no grants for capital campaigns; no loans.

**Purpose and Activities**

The foundation supports organizations involved with arts and culture, education, health, human services, and community services, and awards college scholarships and fellowships. Special emphasis is directed toward programs designed to provide a direct service to economically and socially disadvantaged youth and their families, at-risk or troubled youth, and individuals with special needs.

**Program Area(s)**

The grantmaker has identified the following area(s) of interest:

**Arts and Culture**

The foundation supports programs designed to bring people together from all walks of life to share their creative talents, intellects, passions, customs, and bold initiatives to explore new ways of doing things, with emphasis on theatre, art, and

music.

**Community Service**

The foundation supports programs designed to promote community service and organizations that fortify the connection between community service and the common interest to do more for the places we call home.

**Dennis and Phyllis Washington Native American Graduate Fellowship**

The foundation awards a graduate fellowship of up to \$10,000 to a member of a Montana Native American Tribe who is accepted into a Master's or Doctoral Degree program at the Graduate School of The University of Montana or Montana State University. The program is administered by the graduate school admissions office at Montana State University and The University of Montana.

**Dennis R. Washington Achievement Scholarship**

The foundation annually awards scholarships of up to \$30,000 for up to 3 years to State and National Horatio Alger Scholar Alumni who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who is working towards a post-graduate degree in education.

**Education**

The foundation supports programs designed to reach children through early childhood education, after-school learning, post-secondary scholarships, and graduate fellowships that help young people get the start they deserve.

**Health and Human Services**

The foundation supports programs designed to ensure access to basic healthcare services to the most vulnerable members of the community. Special emphasis is directed toward groups that provide physical or psychological care for those in need; and experiential programs that offer disabled or disadvantaged people the chance to do something they may not have otherwise.

**Helen B. Miller Horatio Alger Scholarship**

The foundation awards college scholarships to students who attend Montana State University, demonstrate financial need, and demonstrate the ability to overcome adversity in their young lives. The program is administered by Montana State University.

**Horatio Alger Montana Undergraduate Scholarship Program**

The foundation annually awards 50 \$10,000 college scholarships to Montana high school seniors planning to attend The University of Montana, The University of Montana-Western, The University of Montana-Missoula College of Technology, Helena College of Technology of the University of Montana, or Montana Tech of the University of Montana. The scholarship was expanded to include Montana State University and its affiliate campuses.

**Washington Companies Employee Family Scholarship Program**

The foundation awards college scholarships of up to \$8,000 to children or spouses of employees who are attending an accredited university, college, vocational technical school, community college of technology, or trade school. Employees must work full-time within an eligible Washington Company.

**Fields of Interest****Subjects**

Arts  
Athletics/sports, Special Olympics  
Community/economic development  
Dental care  
Education  
Education, early childhood education  
Education, services  
Food banks  
Health care  
Higher education  
Human services  
Performing arts, music  
Performing arts, theater  
Recreation, parks/playgrounds

Scholarships/financial aid

Youth development

**Population Groups**

Children

Children/youth

Disabilities, people with

Economically disadvantaged

Homeless

Infants/toddlers

Native Americans/American Indians

Physically disabled

Youth

**Geographic Focus**

Montana

**Types of Support**

Annual campaigns

Building/renovation

Continuing support

Employee-related scholarships

Fellowships

Matching/challenge support

Program development

Scholarship funds

Scholarships--to individuals

**Publications**

Application guidelines

Program policy statement

**Application Information**

Organizations receiving support are asked to submit a post-grant evaluation. An interview may be required for graduate level scholarships. Application form required. Applicants should submit the following:

1. Copy of IRS Determination Letter
2. Copy of most recent annual report/audited financial statement/990
3. Detailed description of project and amount of funding requested
4. Copy of current year's organizational budget and/or project budget

Initial approach: Complete online application form

Board meeting date(s): Quarterly

Deadline(s): None; Jan. 15 to Apr. 1 for Dennis R. Washington Achievement Scholarship; Apr. 15 for Horatio Alger Montana Undergraduate Scholarship Program (apply directly to Horatio Alger Association via their website)

Final notification: 90 days

Additional information: Requests for scholarships should include transcripts, GPA, letters of recommendation, and an essay.

**Officers and Directors**

*Note: An asterisk (\*) following an individual's name indicates an officer who is also a trustee or director.*

**Phyllis J. Washington,\*** Chairperson

**Lawrence R. Simkins**, President

Affiliation(s):

*Washington Corporations, President and Chief Executive Officer*

**Mike Halligan**, Executive Director

**William H. Brodsky**

**Rolin Erickson**

**Brian T. Sheridan**

### **Staff**

#### **Number of Staff**

1 full-time professional

### **Memberships**

#### **Regional Associations of Grantmakers**

Philanthropy Northwest

### **Financial Data**

#### **Year ended 12/31/11:**

Assets: \$436,814,858 (market value)

Gifts received: \$78,134,276

Expenditures: \$21,653,216

Total giving: \$20,388,792

Qualifying distributions: \$20,942,995

Giving activities include:

\$20,388,792 for 291 grants (high: \$10,000,000; low: \$500)

#### **Estimated financial data for year ending 12/31/12:**

Assets: \$499,418,327

Grants: \$3,764,769

### **Additional Location Information**

County: Missoula

Metropolitan area: Missoula, MT

Congressional district: Montana District At-large

### **Selected Grants**

The following grants are a representative sample of this grantmaker's funding activity:

\$16,000,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$10,000,000 to Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Alexandria, VA, in 2011. For Dennis R.

Washington Achievement Scholarship, payable over 1 year.

\$2,095,000 to University of Montana Foundation, Missoula, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$1,600,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2011. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$1,400,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2011. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$1,100,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2011. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$1,000,000 to Washington Family Ranch, Antelope, OR, in 2011. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$100,000 to Montana Tech Foundation, Butte, MT, in 2011. For Frank and Ann Gilmore University Relations Center, payable over 1 year.

\$50,000 to Missoula County High Schools, Missoula, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$50,000 to Missoula County Public Schools, Missoula, MT, in 2011. For Graduation Matters donation, payable over 1 year.

\$37,000 to Special Olympics Montana, Great Falls, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$31,456 to University of Montana Foundation, Missoula, MT, in 2011. For Presidential Scholarship fund, payable over 1 year.

\$25,000 to Butte Archives, Friends of the, Butte, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$20,000 to Polson School District, Polson, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$15,000 to Childrens Oncology Camp Foundation, Missoula, MT, in 2011, payable over 1 year.

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\$10,000 to Box Elder School District, Box Elder, MT, in 2011. For 21st century afterschool program, payable over 1 year.

\$10,000 to Maroon Athletic Center, Butte, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$10,000 to Missoula Law Enforcement Youth Camp, Missoula, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

\$5,500 to Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools, Billings, MT, in 2010. For program support, payable over 1 year.

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