



## Working On Your Budget?

The Grand Junction Area Chamber works hard to ensure we provide you with the tools your business needs to

be successful. So while you are working on your budget for 2015, please keep us in mind (or in a line item) to be a sponsor of the GJ Chamber of Commerce.

Current opportunities include:

- **Annual Banquet Sponsorships:** Shari Milholland is still seeking gaming, decoration and table sponsors for the Annual Banquet on January 30th. Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$2,500). In addition, she is looking for donations for the silent auction and gaming prizes. She can be reached at 970.263.2919 or [sharim@gjchamber.org](mailto:sharim@gjchamber.org).
- **Legislative Video Conference Sponsors:** The Chamber hosts eight videoconferences with lawmakers between January and May. For \$500 you can be a sponsor and help cover technology and room charges as well as elevate your profile with policy wonks. (970.263.2917 or [bbair@gjchamber.org](mailto:bbair@gjchamber.org)).
- **Legislative Trip Sponsors:** Betsy is seeking meal and transportation sponsors for the Chamber's Annual Legislative Trip to the State Capitol. Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$1,500 and she will be happy to discuss them with you (263.2917 or [bbair@gjchamber.org](mailto:bbair@gjchamber.org)).

### Member Referral Program

#### Help Us Grow Your Chamber

When you refer a company who becomes a member of the Chamber, we will extend our gratitude for each referral by giving you **\$25** in Chamber Bucks.

Contact Trisha Martinez at [trisha@gjchamber.org](mailto:trisha@gjchamber.org) or 242-3214 for details.

## Chamber and CMU Team Up to Offer Scholarships

The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce and Colorado Mesa University including its two-year division, Western Colorado Community College, have announced that an innovative partnership introduced in August to help local businesses assist employees in furthering their education will continue into the spring semester.

The Grand Junction Chamber Workforce Development Scholarship, equal to 25% of in-state tuition for up to six credit hours per semester, is aimed at aiding local employers and helping to grow the collective skill set of the region's workforce. The scholarship is open to all employers in the CMU service area regardless of whether they are members of the chamber or not and will help workers upgrade and update their skills.

"At CMU, we're constantly looking for ways to partner with the community and improve the educational attainment of the region," said Tim Foster, president of CMU. "We're very proud that we can help bring this scholarship program to the community."

As part of the partnership, employers may sponsor employees in expanding their skills through courses taken at CMU and WCCC, including courses offered in Montrose, during the 2015 spring semester.

"Many employers that previously offered tuition assistance as a benefit to employees have been forced to cut back due to economic conditions and rising health insurance costs," said Diane Schwenke, president and CEO of the Grand Junction Area Chamber. "This program gives employers the flexible assistance they need to invest in ongoing education for their workers, which benefits them, their employees and the community." For complete details and to sign up, visit [gjchamber.org/forms/WorforceDevScholarship071814.pdf](http://gjchamber.org/forms/WorforceDevScholarship071814.pdf) or call Kris Calvin in the CMU Admissions Office at 970.248.1458. Please note that scholarship applications for the spring semester are due to the Chamber by no later than December 31, 2014.

