David Strong Memorial Scholarship

David Strong was an amazing person whose contributions to education and the community were invaluable during his life. He was an administrator who always had an upbeat attitude and was always working to help students achieve their dream or provide them with a second chance. His love and dedication to career and technical education was apparent every day and he worked tirelessly to promote and improve those offerings to students across the state. He was a difference maker who changed many individual lives while he was with us and his work will continue to change lives long after he is gone.

The recipient of the David Strong Memorial Scholarship will receive a two year tuition waiver to attend a career and technical education program at Helena College University of Montana. This student must be a graduate of the Access to Success Program. The recipient must also possess the qualities necessary to positively affect others throughout their career and life as David Strong did. Please submit all application materials to the Financial Aid Office at Helena College, 1115 North Roberts Street, Helena, MT 59601 by April 23, 2021.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:
- Two year tuition waiver at Helena College (4 or 5 consecutive full-time semesters);
- Student will be notified by May 1 and announced at graduation each year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
- Student must be a graduate of the Access to Success Program during the current academic year (Summer, Fall, or Spring);
- Student must be enrolled at least half time in a degree seeking program at Helena College;
- Student must achieve a 2.5 GPA, or better, and be enrolled at least half-time each semester of their college coursework to continue receiving scholarship;
- Student will be selected based on need, academic performance (Access to Success), and personal statement of career goals;
- Student must complete their 2021-2022 FAFSA by April 23, 2021.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
- Completed application form
- Official Access to Success transcripts
- Statement of need and career goals
- Two completed reference forms (one academic), use the reference form included in this application. You can also attach letters of recommendation, but those are optional.
David Strong Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address _______________________________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________ State _______________ Zip _______________

Telephone Number _______________________________________________________________________________________

Program of Study _______________________________________________________________________________________

Names of two (2) individuals who will write recommendations to accompany this application.

Name_________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Name_________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Please attach these recommendations to this form in a sealed envelope.

Are you a graduate from the Access to Success Program? ______ Yes ______ No

If Yes, When? (MM/YYYY) ____________________

Submit completed applications to the Financial Aid Office at Helena College, 1115 North Roberts Street, Helena, MT 59601 by April 23, 2021. If you have any questions or need further assistance please contact the Helena College Financial Aid Office at 406-447-6914.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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Scholarship Reference Form 1 for David Strong Memorial Scholarship

SECTION I: To Be Completed by the Applicant

Name

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Student Signature __________________________ Date __________________

SECTION II: To Be Completed By Evaluator

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4. Is there any additional information we should know about this applicant in regard to this scholarship award?

What is your overall recommendation?
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I may have concerns about this student. Please contact me.
☐ Yes        ☐ No
Preferred contact method:  ☐ Phone  ☐ Email

Evaluator’s Name _____________________________________________________________

Organization/Institution/Department ____________________________________________

Title ________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________

Phone Number ________________ Email ____________________________________________

Signature of Evaluator ____________________________ Date _______________
Scholarship Reference Form 2 for David Strong Memorial Scholarship

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