Sergeant Tim Zarske served and devoted over thirty years of his life to the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff’s Office before passing away in September of 2014 at only 48 years old. The Lewis and Clark County Sheriff’s Office was a large part of who Tim was. Tim Zarske was a second-generation Deputy with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff’s Office, following his father, David Zarske. Tim was a loving husband and a father to three children.

Tim enjoyed fast cars and four-wheeling in the mountains, music, road trips and meticulously cleaning his vehicles. However, these words do not show the look of pure joy on Tim’s face when he punched the throttle on something with four wheels and a lot of horsepower. Tim was never more at peace than when he had tires on the pavement with a destination, his favorite music, and his wife in the passenger seat next to him for a weekend adventure.

Sergeant Tim Zarske was a calming presence in the monotony of day-to-day life. He left behind an abundance of memories and people who cared for him. Tim just had a certain presence about him and his memory will live on through all of those who his life impacted.

Amount: $1000 to two recipients for the fall 2024 semester.

Eligibility Criteria:
1. Students who have been successfully admitted to Helena College;
2. Students who are enrolled at Helena College seeking a degree or vocational certification;
3. Full or Part-time enrollment
4. Open to any major, must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA

Application Materials:
• 1-2 page essay addressing the following questions:
  o Tell us about yourself and what your academic/career goals are?
  o How would this scholarship benefit your education
  o Tell us about a time you failed and what you learned from it?
  o How have you contributed to your community?
• One letters of recommendation with contact information

Selection Decision:
Lewis & Clark Sheriff Employee Association will help in selecting the winner along with Helena College Staff & Faculty.
The scholarship recipient must write an acknowledgement letter (thank you) to the donors.

Application Procedure & Criteria:
Complete the application form and return it to the Financial Aid Office at Helena, 1115 North Roberts Street, Helena, MT 59601
Tim Zarske Memorial Scholarship

Applicant Name


Mailing Address


City __________________________ State ________________ Zip ________________

Telephone Number


Program of Study


The scholarship committee/Helena College may submit a notice of the award to the local newspaper or use the award information in public relations documents. The award information may include your name, program and dollar amount awarded. By signing this form you acknowledge and agree that this information may be disclosed.

Signature ____________________________________________ Date 

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