

Harold Shepherd Memorial Scholarship

The Harold Shepherd Memorial scholarship is an annual recognition of a senior track and field student athlete from Helena area high schools who embodies the spirit and character of Harold.

Quality candidates are those individuals who exhibit selflessness, sportsmanship, work ethic, and commitment to community and family. Candidates are evaluated by their character and their ability to persevere in the face of adversity, and not necessarily by their athletic accomplishments.

Harold was born of humble beginnings during the Great Depression, when a man's character and work ethic was highly valued. Actions not words, was a principle that Harold lived by. Being the last of eight children, Harold understood the value of manual labor at an early age. Whether it was hauling ice, swathing hay, or construction work, a strong back provided the means to see the positive results of work. Harold's ability to overcome tragedy was another strong characteristic. He lost his father at an early age and his twin brother to a drowning accident during high school.

Harold's sense of responsibility to his family became evident as he made many sacrifices to care for his mother. Sports became an outlet for Harold to channel his energies – primarily the sport of track and field. As a natural born athlete, coupled with an incredible work ethic and a never-give-up attitude, Harold was an all-star distance runner and was offered a college scholarship. Harold remained true to his mother and decided to stay in Helena, later buying and operating a small cattle ranch and an auto-repair business into his late 70's. Despite his personal decision, Harold understood the value of higher education and the many benefits it affords, and he helped to ensure that his children had the option to attend college. Harold was an honest, humble, courageous, and loving man. He fully engaged life's challenges and endeavored to persevere for the benefit of himself and his loved ones.

Amount

A scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded.

Application Requirements

The scholarship is offered to a graduating senior who has competed with the Track and Field team during all four years of high school(COVID-19 cancellation is considered an active year).

Application Deadline

Your application should be submitted to the Counseling/Career Center at your high school on or before April 15th during your senior year.

Letter of Reference

One letter of reference is required from someone other than your track coach or an immediate family member.

Essay

Please attach a one-page, typewritten essay describing your selflessness, sportsmanship, work ethic, and commitment to community and family. Include any school or community-related activities with examples of your leadership skills, along with any educational or career plans. Please include the name and address of the university, college, or technical school you are planning to attend.

Transcript

Please attach a current transcript of your high school record. This does not have to be an official transcript.

Method of Payment

If awarded, scholarship funds will be paid by the Helena School District directly to the financial aid or registrar's office of your university, college, or technical school.

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(Awarded to a Graduating Senior who was a four-year member of the High School Track and Field Team)

Applicant' Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Applicant's Grade Point Average: _____

Check the years you were a member of the High School Track and Field Team and list any awards or medals you received.

(NOTE: Must have competed all four years for the Track and Field Team.)

Senior

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Junior

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Sophomore

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Freshman

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Name, address and telephone number of the financial aid office at the University, College or Trade School you plan to attend.

(NOTE: This can be submitted or changed at a later date.)

Telephone Number: ()

Please attach your Letter of Reference, Essay, and Transcripts to this application and return to your Counseling/Career Center Office on or before April 15th.