The Joe Smietanka Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship is available to a student who has been convicted of a felony and plans to pursue a degree or vocational certification at Helena College. The scholarship has been made available to assist with the cost of books, supplies or tools. A student returning to school will have preference.

**Amount & Availability:**
One $500 scholarship, will be available for each fall and spring semester.

**Eligibility Criteria:**
1. Students who have been convicted of a felony;
2. Students who have been successfully admitted to Helena College;
3. Students who are enrolled at Helena College seeking a degree or vocational certification;
4. A student who has received a scholarship in a prior semester shall not be precluded from receiving a scholarship for a subsequent semester.

**Application Materials:**
- 1-2 page essay on how this scholarship would benefit you and why you should be awarded the scholarship
- Provide documentation of book, supplies, or tool expenses
- Two letters of recommendation with contact information

**Selection Decision:**
Joe’s family will evaluate each application to determine a recipient for each semester. The applicant will explain why the scholarship should be awarded to her or him. The applicant shall provide documentation of book, supply or tool expenses. 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 on or before the deadline.

**Deadline:** September 30, 2022
Applicant Name __________________________________________________________

Mailing Address _______________________________________________________

City __________________________ State __________________ Zip ______________

Telephone Number _______________________________________________________

Program of Study _______________________________________________________

Select one:
Returning Student ____________________ Incoming Freshman ___________________

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 __________________________
