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The Rowland R. Strong and Edith H. Strong Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the application window is now open for the Rowland R. Strong and Edith H. Strong Memorial Scholarship.

The Rowland R. Strong & Edith H. Strong Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at the bequest of Miriam S. Strong in memory of her late parents who were advocates of supporting young people to continue their education by earning a college degree. The intent of the scholarship is to help support student(s) with financial need to earn a Bachelor's degree.

This 4-year scholarship is renewable for up to 3 more consecutive years pending verification that the recipient continues to meet the eligibility criteria for renewal. We anticipate awarding several thousand dollars in scholarship funds to at least 2 recipients. More information will be announced with specific award amount(s) at a later date. Annually, at least two (2) 4-year scholarships will be awarded to Oxford residents in their senior year of high school who meet the criteria as outlined below:

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1. Must be able to demonstrate financial need.
- 2. Must be a resident of Oxford Connecticut, but the applicant does not need to attend Oxford High School.
- 3. Must be a high school senior graduating in 2020.
- 4. Must be planning to enroll and attend a 4-year college or university as a full-time student.
- 5. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 79.5 or higher on a 100point scale.

The application can be accessed through the Oxford Public Schools Website under Quick Links: http://oxfordpublicschools.org/

Applications be <u>postmarked and mailed to</u> or <u>hand delivered</u> to the Strong Foundation c/o Valley Community Foundation, 253-A Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT no later than 5 pm on Friday, March 13, 2020.

The selected recipient(s) will be invited to a scholarship ceremony held in the Oxford High School auditorium on May 21st at 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please email <u>millerm@oxfordpublicschools.org</u>. NOTE: Inquiries by email ONLY – PLEASE! No in-person requests!!