***Barry ‘Spook’ Stang***

***Memorial Scholarship***

**Also remembered as the Leonard Eckel Memorial Educational Trust**

**2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIPS**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded by the Barry ‘Spook’ Stang Memorial Scholarship Committee this year. The scholarships will be awarded to applicants entering a four-year Montana College, University, Trade school, or other educational institution. If you have a son or daughter leaning toward a career in our industry, we encourage applications. Grades are a part of the process of determining our recipients, but they are not the deciding factor. The amount of each individual award will be decided by the Scholarship Trustees at the time of selection.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Barry ‘Spook’ Stang Memorial Scholarship

is to provide assistance to aid in the payment of tuition, books and fees for as many qualified employees or dependents of employees of the Members of the MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIA-

TION or employees or dependents of employees of MONTANA TRUCK- ING ASSOCIATION as possible.

Scholarship applicants must satisfactorily meet **all** the following criteria:

1. Maintain a cumulative grade point average from high school or college/university of 2.50.
2. Received written acceptance from and be enrolled in a Montana college, university, or other educational institution they desire to attend.
3. Be an employee or a dependent of an employee of a Member of MTA

* Be an employee or a dependent of an employee of MTA who shall have been employed by the Member Company or by MONTANA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION for at least six months prior to submitting the application.
* The employee’s supervisor must give written confirmation of the employee’s status as a regular full- time employee, such written notice to be included with application.

The Scholarship Committee will verify the employee’s status immediately prior to the awarding of the scholarship grant to determine if there has been any change in the employee’s status between the date of the application and the date of the award.

1. Students must carry no less than the minimum number of credits to be considered a full-time student at their chosen institution. The registrar’s office will be contacted by the Scholarship Committee to verify that the scholarship recipients are registered as full time students prior to releasing scholarship funds to the student’s account.

**E.** A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 must be maintained. The scholarship fund will, before remitting the second payment for the year, require that the registrar’s office verify the student's grade point average for the previous Semester or term, and that the student is registered fulltime for the next term, prior to the release of the funds.

## SCOPE

The scope of the scholarship program is designed to include employees or their children graduating from high school, returning from military service, students already in college working towards an undergraduate degree, or those employees or children of employees enrolling in a trade school. Scholarships are awarded on a one-year basis, or a shorter term if that is the course.

Awards for scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship Committee whose decision is final in such matters.

## OPERATION

1. The Committee will meet to consider applications for full year aid no later than the third week **after May 16, 2025**
2. Selection criteria for scholarship recipients will be based on the following guidelines.
   1. Scholastic record and ability
   2. Need of additional financial

assistance

* 1. Outside school activities such as athletics, dramatics, speech, etc.
  2. Record of financial self-help
  3. The content and appearance of the application

1. At the conclusion of the selection process, all applicants will be contacted, thanking them for their interest in the program, and those who have been awarded scholarships will be informed. Unsuccessful candidates may reapply for consideration in sub- sequent years, providing they remain fully eligible.
2. Not later than two weeks prior to the start of the school year, the Scholarship Fund Committee will mail a check to the recipient’s designated school for payment of tuition, books, and fees for that school term. Scholarship award amounts will be determined by the Committee and will depend on the final overall standings of the winners. In the event of a larger amount being awarded, the scholarship committee may decide to split the scholarship between the Fall and Spring semesters or term.
3. Should a student fail to qualify for a second or third term during that year, the remaining funds allocated for his/her use will be returned to the fund.
4. At the conclusion of a successful year, the student may apply for a renewal of the scholarship. The renewal will be handled in exactly the same manner as a new application

**2025-2026 Scholarship Application Form**

(Information must be complete to be considered)

Completed Applications **Must Be Postmarked By May 16, 2025**

## PART A: Biographical Data

Student’s Full Name Home Address City State Zip Date of Birth Telephone No.

High School Year of Graduation

Marital Status No. of Dependents Father’s Name Occupation Company Date of Employment Address Telephone No. Mother’s Name Occupation Company Date of Employment Address Telephone No. School you plan to attend (check one):

Community College \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vocational School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ University\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of School\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Entering Freshman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Returning Student\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Colleges Attended\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ From (Date)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_To\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## PART B: Family Background

Household income: Less than $75,000 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Between $75,000 and $150,000 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Over $150,000\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ages of brothers and sisters at home Ages of brothers or sisters attending college

## PART C: Proposed Budget

Savings $ Summer Employment $ Loans $ Part time Employment during College Year $ Social Security Benefits $ Help from Parents and Others $ Do you own a car? Year and Make Are you making car payments? Amount $

**PART D:** Please attach a brief summary of your activities and work experience. Include school, community, church, etc. List any positions of responsibility held, and any honors you have received.

**PART E:** Please attach letters of recommendation from one teacher or professor, one school administrator (principal or vice principal) (academic advisor or counselor if a returning applicant who has already attended college or university) of your school, and one other adult who has known you for some time.

**PART F:** Please attach a two-page typed essay (double spaced) in response to the following question:

How is the trucking industry important to you and the State of Montana?

**PART G:** Please attach a brief statement describing your need for this scholarship award.

**PART H:** Please attach a brief statement which includes your plans for the future, your career and life goals.

**PART I:** Please attach written confirmation of employment in a MTA member company.

**PART J:** Pease attach the previous year transcripts(high school or college)

***I declare that all the information reported is true, correct, and complete. If I am granted a scholarship from the Barry ‘Spook’ Stang Memorial Scholarship, I agree to submit a report of my grades and educational progress at the time that I receive them from my school if requested by the scholarship committee.***

***Please Mail Application to: Montana Trucking Association***

***Attn: Scholarship Committee***

***501 North Sanders Street Suite 201***

***Helena, MT 59601***

Date E-mail Address

Applicant’s Signature