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Scholarship Application Deadline is March 24, 2023! The Rowland R. Strong and Edith H. Strong Memorial Scholarship

The deadline to submit your application for the 2023 Rowland R. Strong and Edith H. Strong Memorial Scholarship is rapidly approaching and all eligible Oxford residents who will graduate from high school in 2023 are encouraged to apply. All applications with the required documents must be hand-delivered or postmarked no later than March 24, 2023! The online application can be accessed through the Oxford High School website via **[www.oxfordpublicschools.org/School Counseling/Scholarships](http://www.oxfordpublicschools.org/SchoolCounseling/Scholarships)** or via the Town of Oxford website **[www.oxford-ct.gov/Community Resources/Strong Memorial Scholarship Application](http://www.oxford-ct.gov/CommunityResources/StrongMemorialScholarshipApplication)** (.PDF file download).

Since 2018, the Board of Directors of The Rowland R. Strong and Edith H. Strong Memorial Scholarship Fund has awarded this **4-year renewable scholarship** to two (2) Oxford residents in their senior year of high school who meet the eligibility criteria. Annually, the amount of each scholarship award has been a minimum of \$8,000 and is renewable for three (3) subsequent years provided that the recipients continue in a 4-year degree program at an accredited college or university.

The eligibility criteria for the 2023 Rowland R. Strong and Edith H. Strong Memorial Scholarship are as follows:

1. Must be able to demonstrate financial need.
2. Must be a resident of Oxford Connecticut.
3. Must be a high school senior graduating in 2023.
4. Must plan to enroll in and attend a 4-year college or university as a full-time student.*
5. *Applicants enrolling in a CT State Community College who have applied to a pathways program for a 4-year Bachelor's degree are eligible to apply. Disbursement of scholarship funds will be contingent upon acceptance and continued enrollment in the 4-year degree program.
6. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 79.5 or higher on a 100-point scale

The Rowland R. Strong & Edith H. Strong Memorial Scholarship Fund was established through the bequest of Miriam S. Strong (a long-time Oxford resident) in memory of her late parents who were advocates of supporting young people to continue their education by earning a college degree. Recipients of this scholarship have gone through a competitive process which includes an essay, letters of recommendation, and an interview by community members. The intent of the scholarship is to provide financial support to Oxford student(s) who are able to attend a 4-year college or university. The fund is managed by the Valley Community Foundation (www.valleyfoundation.org) in Derby, Connecticut.

All eligible Oxford residents who will graduate from high school in 2023 are encouraged to apply. **All applications with the required documents MUST be hand-delivered or postmarked no later than March 24, 2023. Applications received in-person or post-marked AFTER March 24, 2023 will not be accepted.**