The William A. Strong, Sr. Scholarship for Manufacturing Trades

History of scholarship: William A. “Bill” Strong, Sr. was an engineer, an inventor, and an industrialist whose career spawned two manufacturing businesses that remain vital in Pine Bluff and do business on a world-wide basis. Mr. Strong was an advocate for workforce training. After his death, his direct descendants, the stockholders at The Strong Company, established this scholarship in his memory with a gift of $2,500.00 on June 23, 2015.

Amount of the scholarship: $350.00 per semester.

Application deadlines: Application deadlines are May 30 and November 30.

Qualifications:
1) An awardee must be a full-time student who has completed at least one semester at SEARK College with at least a “B” average;
2) Majoring in one of the following programs:
   Drafting and Computer-Aided Design Technology,
   Electrical and Electronics Technology,
   Industrial and Mechanical Technology,
   Welding Technology;
3) Be at least 18 years of age at the beginning of the fall semester;
4) Must reside within the six-county service area of the College (Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, and Lincoln).

Selection Process: The Financial Aid Scholarship Committee of the College shall consider all qualified applicants and by June 30 and December 31 recommend with supporting documentation to the SEARK College Foundation a deserving student who meets the requirements. The Southeast Arkansas College Foundation shall act on the recommendation of the Financial Aid Scholarship Committee of the College at its meetings in July and January, and shall respond to the College’s committee through the President of the College or another ex-officio member of the Foundation Board.