Information for the DAVID L. ESHELMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The David L. Eshelman Memorial Scholarship is available through the University of Central Missouri Foundation for a student pursuing a degree in mass communication. This scholarship is made possible by way of a gift from Martha Kuhns Eshelman of Warrensburg, Missouri in memory of David L. Eshelman.

SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND:

Dr. David Eshelman received his undergraduate degree from Wheaton College in 1958, his graduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1960 and his doctoral degree from the University of Denver in 1973. He began his teaching career at Central Missouri State University in 1969 as assistant professor of speech. He became professor of mass communication in 1982, a position which he held until his death in 1993.

During his 24 years of service to the University, Dr. Eshelman served as the faculty advisor for the student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He was recognized as a national authority in mass communication law and throughout his educational tenure, it remained of the utmost importance to him to teach the specifics of mass communication law. Both personally and professionally, he was an individual who was fervently protective of First Amendment rights and freedoms. Dr. Eshelman demanded excellence of his students, raising their personal sights and leaving them with a self-defined vision. His students have said, "He made me better than I ever thought I could be; I am a better person for having known Dr. E."

CRITERIA:

To apply, a student must:

a. plan to be a full-time junior, senior or graduate student at UCM the following academic year;

b. be pursuing a degree in mass communication;

c. be worthy, deserving and of good moral character;

d. show promise of leadership and academic ability in the field of mass communication;

e. have a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.5 (for undergraduate students) and a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.6 (for graduate students).
SELECTION PROCESS:

1. The recipient(s) of the David L. Eshelman Memorial Scholarship will be recommended by a selection committee designated by the Chair of the Department of Communication. Undergraduate recipient(s) shall be approved by the UCM Scholarships and Awards Officer. Graduate recipient(s) shall be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School.

2. Scholarship is not renewable.

3. The application must be delivered or postmarked by March 1. Recipient(s) shall be announced by May 15 of any given year.

4. The Selection Committee, with the approval of the donor and the Executive Director of the Foundation, will annually establish the number and award amount. If adequate funding is not available, the Selection Committee may exercise the option of making no selection.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Applications must be delivered / postmarked by March 1 to:

Department of Communication  
Attn: David L. Eshelman Memorial Scholarship  
University of Central Missouri  
Martin 136  
Warrensburg, MO 64093
Application for the

DAVID L. ESHELMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1. Name _______________________________________ UCM student ID# ____________________________

2. Permanent address __________________________________________________________________________
                                           street
                                           __________________________________________________________
                                           city                                                     state                                zip code                                                        county

3. Home phone (      ) ___________ Cell phone (      ) ______________ Campus phone ______________

4. Campus address __________________________________________ E-mail ________________________________

5. Major __________________________________________ Minor ________________________________________

6. Cumulative GPA __________________________ GPA in major __________________________

7. Estimated date of graduation/degree completion ________________________________________________
                                           month                                                               year

8. Attach a list of campus and community organizations to which you belong. Be sure to list leadership roles
    when applicable.

9. Attach a brief statement of your professional goals as they relate to this scholarship. Be sure to include
    your plans and aspirations for the future.

10. Attach a current transcript. An unofficial transcript may be printed (free of charge) from the student
    portal at https://www.ucmo.edu/portal.

11. Attach two letters of recommendation.

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