The Aida Buer Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Aida Buer. Aida Buer loved the dental assisting profession and was instrumental in establishing the dental assisting program at Great Falls College MSU. She worked as faculty and program director, developing and implementing the dental assisting program at the college. Aida’s legacy is in the walls of the dental clinic at GFC MSU. This scholarship is a small testament to Aida’s impact on dental assisting education and the profession. Donations came from across the state; from those who worked with and interacted with Aida, giving life to a scholarship that would ultimately help students pursue the profession Aida loved so dearly.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The **Aida Buer Memorial Scholarship** recognizes students who:

- Are enrolled at least ½ time in the Dental Assisting program at Great Falls College (must be admitted to the program)
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The **Aida Buer Memorial Scholarship** will award one student scholarship, in the amount of $500. The awards will be disbursed in two equal segments, one for each semester (Fall and Spring). Each semester, the scholarship will be applied to the student account for payment toward tuition, fees, books, and supplies. Scholarship recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress, and be enrolled at least ½ time (6 credits) each term.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **Scholarship Application**: Complete the application form in its entirety.
2. **Essay**: One written essay describing why you wish to become a dental assistant. Please limit your response to one typed page.
3. **Current Unofficial Transcripts**: Provide your most current high school or college transcript. *NOTE*: if you are a continuing GFCMSU student with an established GFCMSU grade point average, you are not required to provide a copy of your transcript.
4. **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**: Complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA and list Great Falls College MSU’s school code: **009314** (students currently receiving financial aid may already have this complete). The FAFSA may be completed online at [https://studentaid.gov/](https://studentaid.gov/).

**DEADLINE**: Application and all supporting documents must be submitted or postmarked by August 30th, 2024. Submit to:

Great Falls College MSU  
Financial Aid Office – Student Central  
2100 16th Ave South  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Recipient will be selected by September 13th, 2024.
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The Scholarship Selection Committee has the right to reject any incomplete applications.

Name____________________________________________

GFC MSU Student ID __________________________________

Phone______________________________

Email________________________________

Address ___________________________________________

City, State, Zip_________________________________

Program of Study__________________________  Cumulative Grade Point Average_________

Are you currently enrolled at GFCMSU?  □ Yes  □ No  Number of Credits_____________________

Completed 2024-2025 FAFSA?  □ Yes  □ No

Applicants must (see cover page for instructions):

Attach Essay

Attach Unofficial Transcripts (New or New Transfer students only)

Federal law requires Great Falls College MSU to obtain written permission from the awardee for the release of academic and biographical information to the scholarship donor and/or news media. By signing below, I agree that relevant information may be released. Furthermore, by signing below, I confirm the accuracy of the enclosed information and understand that any false or misleading statements may invalidate my application.

Signature______________________________________________ Date________________________