



Gunther Strong Memorial Scholarship 2023

In memory of John D. Gunther, beloved baseball coach and math teacher at Sandia High School, 1-2 \$500 scholarships awaits for a college-bound, graduating senior with the following qualifications:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Well-rounded student
- Active in the Sandia community
- Active in the greater Albuquerque and/or New Mexico community

How to apply:

1. Fill out application
2. Submit a teacher letter of recommendation
3. Submit a community letter of recommendation

Deadline for application: Friday, April 21th, 2023 by noon in the Counseling Office.

Email completed applications to charles.vopalka@aps.edu

John Gunther epitomized selfless service as a teacher, coach, and friend. His dedication to his students was palpable and, as he walked the school halls, students greeted him with hand slaps, back pats, and obvious affection. He knew how to reach all abilities and elevate one's skills. As a coach, his dedication and determination to enable his players to become better athletes and people was always on display. He championed his athletes' education and held them to higher standards on and off the field. As a friend, he cared. He cooked meals, ran errands, checked in on the sad, depressed, sick, and celebrated successes

too. His passing was an enormous loss and it is an honor to remember him in this way.

John always put his family first and was always willing to help a person in need. He went to every event for Sandia High School that he was available for. He wanted to show his support to the whole student population, not just the athletes. On multiple occasions students came to John for a shoulder to cry on, for a person that would just listen and for some good ol' fashioned advice without judgement. John touched so many with his humor, kindness, fairness, understanding and the effort of trying to be a better man every single day. He tried to be a positive example for his students and his community.

Scholarship Application Form

Student's Name: _____

What is your cumulative GPA based on 4.0 weighted scale? _____

Extracurricular Activities and Roles: (Include sports, clubs, offices held in school.)

Community Activities and Service:

What college will you attend? (You must have been accepted to this college at time of application.)

College name and address:

Applicant's signature and contact information:

Applicant's Signature *Date*

Street Address City State Zip Code

_____/_____/_____

Area Code Home Phone Number Cell Phone

E-mail Address

Prepare a one page, double-spaced, 12 point font essay answering the question on the next page.

Applicant's Name: _____

Essay prompt:

Describe how you have contributed to the greater good at Sandia High School and in the community, as well as how you plan to continue this service in your life.