

Joan Nohre Scholarship



Type: Yearly gift

Amount: Determined yearly by donor (\$500)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2007

Special Criteria: Nursing student.

The Joan Nohre Scholarship was established to celebrate Joan's approach to life, which is "to do the right thing just because you should."

Joan was born in 1929 in Decorah, Iowa, but lived most of her life in Marion. She finished high school, married Bob Nohre in 1948 and started a family.

Joan wanted to do something for herself after raising their two children. She was always interested in nursing so in the mid-1980s she went back to school to get her CNA from Hawkeye Community College. Joan wanted to further her education to increase her knowledge, not necessarily to start a new career.

Jay Meier and Joanna Ramsden-Meier (brother and sister) felt establishing this scholarship in honor of their grandmother was the right thing to do. It was a way for them to thank her for everything she's done for her community, and for inspiring them to always do what's right.

Although Joan passed away in 2013, her legacy and spirit continues with her children, Scott and Jackie, and her grandchildren, Jay and Joanna. Joan was an active volunteer in her community. Joan said that her grandchildren "couldn't have done anything nicer" than setting up this scholarship in her honor. Jay and Joanna want to make this scholarship possible for Allen College nursing students because they believe their grandmother would have been an amazing nurse if she had pursued a nursing degree all those years ago.

Jay, a former teacher in Waterloo, and Joanna, director of enrollment management at Allen College, know this scholarship is a good way to give back to the community by helping future nursing students.