

Lyle & Elsie Watters Endowed Scholarship



Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$600)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2011

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) student, preference given to a student who has volunteered at UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital or who is an active volunteer in the community

After retiring from farming, Lyle and Elsie Waters were looking to spend their time volunteering at a worthy establishment. Allen Hospital was lucky enough to be the recipient of the Watters' time. Elsie volunteered in surgical and Lyle on the Auxiliary board. During Christmastime, the couple even played Mr. and Mrs. Clause at the hospital. They volunteered at Allen Hospital for 25 years.

After Lyle's passing in 2008 and Elsie's in 2009, their children, Roger, Elaine, Bonnie, Peg and Dave collectively decided to create a scholarship in their parents' honor. "They would have done the same thing," said Elaine Bearbower. "When you have a good program going, you want to help people get there, and keep the program going."