

M.K. Brown Annual Scholarship

Type: Annual gift

Amount: \$500

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2003

Special Criteria: BSN student, minimum 3.0 GPA, involved in the community and financial need

Mary K. Brown established this scholarship to support nursing students at Allen College in achieving their educational goals. With a career spanning 42 years at UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital and Allen College, she served as a Nurse Educator, Associate Professor and R.J. McElroy Endowed Chair, shaping generations of future nurses.

Raised on a dairy farm near La Porte City, Iowa, Mary was one of five siblings in a family that valued education, hard work and service to others. She earned her BSN and MAN from the University of Iowa and an MAE from the University of Northern Iowa. Before transitioning into nursing education, she worked as a registered nurse on a medical-surgical floor, gaining firsthand experience in patient care.

Mary's interests include reading, traveling and decorating with vintage pieces. She is passionate about community service, agriculture and healthcare.

Inspired by her family's tradition of giving back through local scholarships, she created this scholarship to ease the financial burden of higher education and help nursing students reach their goals.