

Vivian Chestnut Memorial Annual Scholarship

Type: Annual gift

Amount: \$1,000

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2025

Special Criteria: Recipient must be employed in the nursing field at UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital in Waterloo and must be further his/her nursing education at Allen College.

The Vivian Chestnut Memorial Scholarship was established by Myrna Culbertson to honor the life and legacy of her sister, Vivian Chestnut—a devoted nurse, educator and mentor.

Vivian graduated from the Allen School of Nursing in 1971 and later earned her BSN from the University of Dubuque. Her nursing career spanned more than four decades, including roles at La Crosse Lutheran Hospital and UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital, where she served for 39 years before retiring in 2011.

Vivian was deeply committed to her profession and to those she served. She was known for her warmth, compassion and dedication to lifelong learning. Her connection to Allen College and the broader nursing community was reflected in her support of students and colleagues alike.

This scholarship continues Vivian's legacy by supporting nursing students at Allen College who share her passion for caring and her commitment to excellence in healthcare.