

Elsie Kehe Endowed Scholarship

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies (approximately \$850)

Offered: One

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2003 (first awarded in 2017)

Special Criteria: BSN student

The Elsie Kehe Endowed Scholarship was established through a generous bequest from Elsie Kehe, who recognized the importance of supporting nursing education at Allen College. Elsie passed away on November 17, 2013, leaving behind a legacy of quiet generosity and deep care for others.

Elsie dedicated 39½ years of service to Allen Hospital (now UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital), working in the laundry department. Throughout her life, she was known for her frugality and selflessness—rarely spending on herself yet consistently setting aside funds to bless others. Her thoughtful planning allowed her to make meaningful gifts to her family and to three healthcare organizations in the Cedar Valley area.

Those who benefitted from her generosity wished to honor her thoughtfulness and care. The scholarship stands as a tribute to her values and her support of healthcare education.