

Roger & Barbara McLavey MLS Endowed Scholarship

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies (approximately \$500)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2026

Special Criteria: MLS Student

The Roger & Barbara McLavey MLS Endowed Scholarship was established to support students pursuing a degree in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) at Allen College.

Barbara McLavey began her healthcare career as a student generalist medical technologist at Allen Hospital (now UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital) in 1974. A 1975 graduate of the Allen Hospital School of Medical Technology and Wartburg College, she dedicated 42 years to serving patients through a variety of laboratory roles before retiring in 2016. Throughout her career, she experienced firsthand the vital role medical laboratory professionals play in patient care.

Raised in the Waverly, Iowa area, Barbara grew up in a farming family and developed a strong appreciation for hard work, service and community. Today, she and her husband, Roger, enjoy spending time with family and friends at the Lake of the Ozarks, where they enjoy boating, swimming and fishing.

The McLaveys established this scholarship as a way to give back to the profession and institution that shaped Barbara's career. Their hope is that the scholarship will help ease the financial burden for future MLS students and encourage the next generation of healthcare professionals to pursue rewarding careers in laboratory medicine.

This scholarship reflects the McLaveys' commitment to education, service and supporting students as they prepare to make a meaningful impact in healthcare.