

Rick & Debbie Morris Endowed Scholarship

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies (approximately \$1,000)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2023

Special Criteria: Nursing student.

The Rick & Debbie Morris Endowed Scholarship was generously established by Rick and Debbie Morris to support nursing students at Allen College. This scholarship reflects their lifelong connection to Allen and their shared commitment to education, community and giving back.

Rick and Debbie were both born at UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital and raised in Waterloo, Iowa. Their deep ties to Allen continued as all four of their children were born at the hospital, and their youngest daughter graduated from Allen College with a nursing degree. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in nursing, further extending the family's legacy in healthcare.

Rick is an attorney and serves on the UnityPoint Health – Allen Foundation Board, while Debbie has dedicated her career to education as a school psychologist and teacher with AEA267 (now Central Rivers). Together, they have long supported charitable causes and community initiatives, including scholarship programs.

Their motivation to establish a scholarship at Allen College stems from their own experiences—both Rick and Debbie received scholarships during their college years, and they have since tried to help others access educational opportunities. Through this scholarship, they hope to ease the financial burden for students and inspire future recipients to give back.

The Morris family enjoys golfing, volunteering and traveling—especially trips to the lake and Florida. With 20 grandchildren, family remains at the heart of their lives and values.

The Rick & Debbie Morris Endowed Scholarship is a testament to their belief that no one succeeds alone, and that supporting others through education is one of the most meaningful ways to make a lasting impact.