

Ken and Mavis TeSlaa Endowed Nursing Education Scholarship

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies (approximately \$500)

Offered: One

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2015

Special Criteria: Graduating nursing student. Preference may be given to a graduate nursing student in the education track, second preference is a DNP student.

The Ken and Mavis TeSlaa Endowed Nursing Education Scholarship was established to honor the life and legacy of Mavis TeSlaa, a dedicated nurse, educator, and advocate for compassionate care. Mavis passed away on November 14, 2014.

Born in Cedar Falls, Mavis earned her BSN from the University of Iowa in 1979, her MSN from the University of Arizona in 1994, and became a Certified Rehabilitation Registered Nurse and Certified Nurse Educator. Her diverse career included roles as a beautician, staff nurse, school nurse, rehab nurse, director of nursing, case manager and faculty member at Allen College.

Mavis joined Allen College in 2000 as an assistant professor, where she taught in the BSN program for 14 years. She was actively involved in professional organizations and community service, and in 2012 was recognized as a Great Nurse of Iowa. Upon her retirement in 2014, she was awarded emeritus faculty status.

This scholarship was endowed by her husband, Ken TeSlaa, with support from friends and family, to celebrate Mavis's lifelong commitment to nursing education. It supports graduate-level nursing students at Allen College, continuing Mavis's legacy of nurturing future caregivers with passion and compassion.