

# Lynn M. and Stanley C. Thornberry Memorial Endowed Scholarship

**Type:** Endowed

**Amount:** Varies depending on investment income/loss  
(approximately \$500-750)

**# Offered:** Two-three per year with a minimum of \$500 each

**Deadline:** Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

**Established:** 2004

**Special Criteria:** BSN or MSN student. Preference may be given to a scholarship applicant from Black Hawk or Guthrie counties or adjacent counties.

The Lynn M. and Stanley C. Thornberry Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established to honor the life and legacy of Lynn Thornberry and her deep passion for nursing. Lynn was born in Galena, Illinois, graduated high school in West Des Moines, and began her nursing studies at the University of Iowa. She married Stan Thornberry in 1966 in Waterloo and had two children, Ann and Curtis.

Lynn earned her RN from Elgin Community College in 1979 and later completed her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Iowa in 1992. She connected with Allen College later in life, enrolling in 1999 and quickly forming meaningful relationships with faculty and staff. Despite being diagnosed with neuroendocrine cancer in early 2000, Lynn remained committed to her studies and was honored with an honorary master's degree from Allen College before her passing in 2004 at age 57.

Together, Lynn and Stan envisioned a scholarship that would support nursing students who share Lynn's compassion and dedication to care. Stan continues to honor Lynn's legacy through this scholarship, helping students pursue their dreams in healthcare and carry forward the values Lynn held dear.

This scholarship ensures that Lynn's love for nursing lives on, empowering future caregivers to finish the race she so bravely began.