

Durham-Feltmeyer Family Scholarship



Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$2,200)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2006

Special Criteria: Undergraduate or graduate nursing student; student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Dr. Jerry Durham was chancellor of Allen College from 2005-2018. He and his wife Kathleen (Kathy) determined that one way they can recognize their family's connection to healthcare is to establish a nursing scholarship.

The medical profession has been a huge part of both Kathy's and Jerry's lives. Although Kathy's first master's degree is in French and Jerry's is in English, they both pursued advanced degrees in medicine following one year of teaching in public schools. Jerry holds a doctorate in higher education and master's degrees in medical-surgical nursing, psychiatric community mental health nursing and English. His undergraduate degrees are in nursing and in secondary English education.

Kathy practiced dentistry for 25 years in Illinois before moving to Iowa. Kathy's mother Lucille Feltmeyer was a nurse, first in the military during World War II and then in northwestern Illinois in the 1950s. Tragically, Lucille died at a very young age in an accident that also took the lives of Kathy's father and brother. This scholarship provides a way to honor Lucille and her contributions to nursing before her death.

The Durham-Feltmeyer Family Scholarship will serve as a legacy recognizing Kathy's and Jerry's personal connection to healthcare while also honoring Kathy's mother's commitment to the nursing profession.