

Vera Reineking Nursing Endowed Scholarship



Vera Reineking
Scholarship Donor

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$1,500)

Offered: One per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2004

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) student enrolled full-time with a minimum GPA of 2.4. Preference may be given to a student from Hudson or the 11-county service area in northeast Iowa.

Vera (Cable) Reineking of Billings, Montana, established a scholarship at Allen College to help young people learn to help others.

“I believe in young people and I’m very proud of my school,” said Vera, who received a registered nursing diploma from Allen Memorial Hospital Lutheran School of Nursing in 1946. “I had excellent training.”

She made many cattle-buying trips to Idaho and Montana with her parents as a young girl growing up near Hudson. After graduating, she worked at Allen Hospital for a few months until March 1947. She knew she wanted to return to the West, so she headed to Billings and a long career with St. Vincent’s Hospital. She especially liked that it had its own school just like Allen.

Vera worked in full-time and part-time capacities in orthopedic and surgical wards. Through the local Shrine organization, she took additional classes in burn care and trained the First Responders team in this specialty. Before retiring in 1992, she also worked in the community relations department. In 1998, St. Vincent’s Hospital School of Nursing named Vera an honorary alumna.

Prior to her death in 2013, Vera returned to Waterloo at least once a year. She attended the Allen College scholarship banquet in 2005 and said, “It was a treat to meet the young man who was the recipient of her scholarship.”