

Virginia C. Turner Memorial Scholarship



Amount: Varies (approximately \$2,000 per award)

Offered: Two per year

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 1988

Special Criteria: Bachelor of Science in Nursing student, preference may be given to a graduate of a Waterloo high school.

Virginia C. Turner was Vice President of the Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing from 1957 to 1979.

Virginia was born and raised in Bremer, Iowa. She graduated from the nursing program at Garfield Park Community Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, and began working at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo in 1941. When the School of Nursing was re-established in 1942, Virginia became the first obstetrics instructor. She moved to Detroit, Michigan, in 1945 where she obtained her nursing degree from Wayne State University.

She returned to Allen Memorial Hospital on December 19, 1953 and held a dual role as the fundamentals of nursing instructor in the School of Nursing and the Assistant Director of Nursing Service in the Hospital. Virginia became the Director of the School of Nursing in July 1957 and remained as Director and Vice President (title change) until December 1979. She knew all the graduates of Allen School of Nursing from 1954 to 1982 (approximately 852 of them).

In 1964, she was appointed to the Iowa Board of Nursing and served until 1973.

Virginia C. Turner resided in Waterloo and most recently at the Friendship Village Retirement Center in Waterloo, Iowa until she passed away January 23, 1999.

This memorial scholarship was established with generous donations from Allen Memorial Hospital School of Nursing alumni and friends and colleagues of Miss Turner for her dedication to the nursing profession.