

Mark and Deborah Collett Endowed Scholarship

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies depending upon investments according to the spending policy

Offered: One yearly

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2025

Special Criteria: Any student

Mark and Deborah Collett, longtime residents of Jesup, are the former owners of Bloom Mfg. Inc. in Independence. As of 2025, they have called Jesup home for 48 years and have been deeply involved in their community. Mark served as mayor, and Deborah as a city council member, reflecting their shared commitment to civic engagement. They have two adult children and two grandchildren.

Over the years, the Collett's have hosted nine foreign exchange daughters into their home, all of whom attended Jesup High School. Their love of travel has taken them across Europe to visit each of their exchange daughters—and even around the world.

Mark is a Member Emeritus and past president of the Hawkeye Community College Foundation Board. He has also served on Allen College's fundraising committee and is a member of the Gerard Circle of the Allen Foundation. The Collett's have previously supported Allen College scholarships and have now established a named scholarship to continue that legacy.

Mark and Deborah are passionate about helping students pursue their dreams—especially through higher education. They believe that even small gestures can make a big difference in a student's life. Through this scholarship, they hope to ease financial burdens and support the next generation of healthcare professionals.