

## About the Sister Colman Coakley Education Scholarship

This endowed scholarship, established in 1992, has been made available because of charitable gifts given in honor of Sister Colman. Gifts to the foundation in Sister Colman's name enable the scholarship award to grow each year. Her belief in the value of education was strong.

She was a native of County Cork, Ireland, having immigrated to the United States in 1949. She entered the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Aberdeen and enjoyed a 44-year administrative career. She devoted herself to meeting the health care needs of eastern South Dakota and surrounding states by serving as the first president of the Presentation Health System and having served on the Avera McKennan Board of Trustees for 38 years. She was chairperson of the Board of Trustees for 18 of those years and was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1997. Contributions to this scholarship fund may be made through the Avera Foundation.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Employee of Avera McKennan Hospital who demonstrates a commitment and loyalty to the mission and philosophy of Avera Health.
- Be enrolled or currently accepted into a college or university with plans to further their education in health care at Avera McKennan.
- Must be able to demonstrate good-standing within Avera McKennan.
- Preference to full-time employees and/or longevity with Avera McKennan.

### Deadline

- All application materials must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered
- One \$1,000 will be awarded annually
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

### Disbursement

- Fall Semester – \$1,000

# Sister Colman Coakley Scholarship Application Form

## Application materials required:

- Resume:** Please include a current resume or other summary of your demonstrated leadership and community involvement.
- 500-word essay** describing:
  - 1) Your career objectives, including why you chose a career in healthcare and your rationale for wanting to further your education.
  - 2) How you have demonstrated commitment to the mission and philosophy of Avera.
- Three letters of recommendation** from co-workers, co-volunteers, professors, or advisor. (Letters of recommendation should be confidential, please ask references to email directly to [foundation@avera.org](mailto:foundation@avera.org) with your name and the scholarship in the subject line)
- Completed application form below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Avera Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Department(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Position(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Employment with Avera McKennan: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the College/University/Technical Institute that you are attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Enrolled?      Yes      No

Degree/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**It is strongly encouraged to send your completed application form, resume, and essay by email to: [foundation@avera.org](mailto:foundation@avera.org). Due to security settings, we are unable to open any documents shared in Google Drive, please attach documents to email in PDF or Word format.**

**\*Please use this subject line: Sister Coakley Scholarship – your name**

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

Avera Foundation – Sister Coakley Scholarship  
PO Box 5045  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117