



Sister Cleopha Scholarship

The Sister Cleopha Scholarship was established in memory of Sr. Cleopha Jeker. Sister Cleopha (Emma) Jeker was born on March 29, 1883, in Busserach, Soloturn, Switzerland. She entered into the Benedictine Novitiate at Maria Einsiedeln, Switzerland, in November 1910. She came to Sacred Heart Convent in 1911. Sr. Cleopha graduated in 1917 with her nursing degree and gave decades of service to Sacred Heart Hospital. She retired to the Sacred Heart Convent Infirmary in 1973, where prayer occupied most of her remaining days.

Although Sister Cleopha left the corridors of Sacred Heart Hospital, she never forgot her beloved patients. She was known for her daily quote of "God Bless you, have a good day, today." Sister Cleopha died in May 1975. She died as she lived, "Whatever God wants is all right, it's fine".

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a member of the nursing staff (RN, CRNA, LPN) at an Avera Sacred Heart region facility including Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Avera Sister James Care Center, ASH region AMG clinics and Avera Creighton Hospital
- Applicants must have been employed in the Avera Sacred Heart region for at least six months and currently attending or planning to attend a workshop of continuing education.
This scholarship may not be used for college courses or materials
- Employees can only receive the scholarship once every three years

Deadline:

- *All application materials must be submitted by March 31 to be considered*
- Scholarship amount will be up to a total of \$750 awarded annually, scholarship maybe awarded to more than one applicant
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

Disbursement

- After the continuing education is completed, the cost center(s) of the employee(s) will be reimbursed the cost of the continuing education, not to exceed \$750 total between all employees receiving the scholarship

Sister Cleopha Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Position/Avera Sacred Heart Region: _____

Facility/Department/Avera Sacred Heart region: _____

Years of employment/Avera Sacred Heart region: _____

Conference/Seminar/CEU Information:

Give a description of what conference, seminar or CEU you would like to attend through the Sister Cleopha Scholarship. Please include the following information: date, what, where, cost, how it will benefit Avera Sacred Heart Hospital.

Employee Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date

Additional Requirements:

1. **500-word or more essay** with a narrative explaining:
 - How you demonstrate your commitment to professional nursing excellence, including involvement with unit or hospital based committees or projects?
 - How program will benefit individual and/or department in their current role?
 - How you will share information learned from the conference?
2. **Letter of Reference** from your supervisor

It is strongly encouraged to send your completed application and essay, as well as any letters of reference via email to: Foundation@Avera.org

***Please reference in the subject line: Sister Cleopha Scholarship – your name**

You may also mail your application packet to:

Avera Foundation
Sister Cleopha Scholarship
PO Box 5045
Sioux Falls, SD, 57117
605-668-8310