

About the Sister Bernadette Farrell Education Scholarship

The Sister Bernadette Farrell Education Scholarship was established for the benefit of nurses serving women and children at Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center.

The endowment was initially funded in 2011 by Lynn I. and M. Dianne DeMarco in honor of Sister Bernadette Farrell celebrating 70 years of vowed religious life. Sister Bernadette was born and raised in Dell Rapids, SD, attended Notre Dame Academy in Mitchell and entered the Presentation Sisters Community in 1941. Sister Bernadette devoted herself to meeting the health care needs of women and children. She began her nursing career as an OB nurse, taught OB nursing at the Presentation School of Nursing, served as the pediatric head nurse at McKennan, and also worked as a nurse midwife in the southern states and Mexico. Contributions to this scholarship fund may be made through the Avera Foundation.

Eligibility Requirements

- Nurse in the Women's and Children's division at Avera McKennan who demonstrates a commitment and loyalty to the mission and philosophy of Avera Health.
- Scholarship to be used to fund educational opportunities for nurses who have demonstrated excellence in the nursing field.

Deadline

- All application materials must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered
- One \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

Disbursement

- Fall Semester – \$500

Sister Bernadette Farrell 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) What nursing conference you plan to attend and why? How will you share information learned from the conference?
 - 2) How you demonstrate your commitment to nursing excellence, including involvement with unit or hospital-based committees or projects.
- Two letters of recommendation** from:
 - 1) Your supervisor or manager
 - 2) A co-worker, co-volunteer, or other professional colleague. (Letters of recommendation should be confidential, please ask references to email directly to 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: _____

Class or Workshop you wish to participate in:

It is strongly encouraged to send your completed application form, resume, and essay by email to: 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 Farrell Scholarship – your name**

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

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