

About the Colleen Hoekstra Memorial Scholarship

The Colleen Hoekstra Memorial Scholarship Endowment is proud to offer a scholarship for volunteers, employees or past employees of the Avera Marshall region that are pursuing or advancing their degree in nursing. The purpose of this scholarship is to seek out passionate individuals that have a desire to care for their patients with the same level of comfort and compassion that Colleen exemplified throughout her career.

Colleen Hoekstra was a familiar face to employees, patients, and their families during her 35-year nursing career at Avera Marshall. Her family wishes to honor her memory by creating this scholarship endowment with a desire to encourage those that have or continue to provide care for those within the Avera Marshall region as Colleen demonstrated throughout her career.

Eligibility Requirements

- Volunteer, employee, or past employee of the Avera Marshall region.
- Pursuing their undergraduate degree in nursing or advancing their current nursing degree
- First preference to an individual at Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center with the opportunity available to Avera Tyler, Avera Granite Falls, and future additions to the region.
- Previous Colleen Hoekstra Memorial Scholarship award winners are eligible to apply.

Deadline

- All application materials must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered
- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded for the upcoming school year
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

Disbursement

- Fall Semester - \$500
- Spring Semester - \$500

Colleen Hoekstra Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Application materials required:

- Extra-Curricular Activities and Volunteer Activities:** Please include a current resume or other summary of your demonstrated leadership.
- 500-word essay** defining your personal interest in becoming a nurse or advancing your nursing career.
- Four 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 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: _____

Secondary Email Address: _____

Are you a current Avera employee or volunteer? Yes No

Are you a former Avera employee or volunteer? Yes No

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

Anticipated date of graduation: _____ College GPA: _____
*overall must be 3.0 or higher

Degree/major: _____

*must be a health care related field

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

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

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