



DeSchepper Rehabilitation Education Scholarship

This endowed scholarship, established in 1994, has been made available because of charitable gifts given in honor of Hector DeSchepper. Gifts to the foundation for this scholarship enable the award to continue each year. In the mid 1980's, Hector DeSchepper experienced a serious stroke. The family was told that he would never care for himself again and to plan for nursing home care. After one month as an inpatient on Avera McKennan's Rehabilitation Unit followed by outpatient therapy and determination by Hector, he made a wonderful recovery. He was independent and lived at home until a heart attack took his life in 1994. His wife, Carol DeSchepper, was a 26-year employee of Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center, serving as Vice President of Patient Care Services prior to joining Avera Health. During her tenure, the Rehabilitation Unit was started, and eventually, Carol was the vice president responsible for it. Carol has always felt that it is "one of the highest quality rehab programs in the upper Midwest." She values the "excellent staff with their great passion for rehab care and people with disabilities." Carol personally believes that learning and continuing education is a lifelong responsibility for all professionals and initiated this scholarship to reflect that belief.

Applications for the DeSchepper Rehabilitation Education Scholarship are available online at Avera.org/about/scholarships/ or from the Avera Foundation at Foundation@Avera.org or Rehab Managers. Applications will be accepted until March 31st

Eligibility requirements:

Applicant must be an employee of Avera McKennan Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department who demonstrates a commitment and loyalty to the mission and philosophy of Avera Health.

Scholarship is to be used for education in Rehabilitation Medicine. This may include a college course, workshop, conference or seminar.

Scholarship amount will be a total of **\$1,500** and may be awarded to more than one applicant.

Completed packet may be emailed to:
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