



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 McKennan Foundation.

Scholarship Award

The scholarship will be awarded annually at the Nursing Awards Banquet held during Nurse's Week each May.

Eligibility requirements:

Applicant must be a nurse in the Women's & Children's division at Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center who demonstrates a commitment and loyalty to the mission and philosophy of Avera Health.

Award money to be used to fund educational opportunities for nurses who have demonstrated excellence in the nursing field.

The scholarship award will be \$500.