



SISTER CLEOPHA SCHOLARSHIP

Background: 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”.

Criteria: The Sister Cleopha Scholarship is a scholarship for nursing staff (RN, CRNA, LPN) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital to attend a continuing education workshop. Applicants must have been employed at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 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. One scholarship up to \$750 will be awarded annually. Employees can only receive the scholarship once every three years.

Application Materials: Complete applications should include the following materials.

1. Scholarship Application Form
2. Letter of reference from the applicant’s supervisor
3. Narrative:
 - a. Definite criteria related to continuing education proposed.
 - b. Definite goals as a result of attaining continuing education.

Applications will be accepted until March 31 each year through the Avera Foundation. The Sister Cleopha Scholarship is awarded in May of each year. This scholarship may only be given to an applicant once.

Applications should be emailed to **Foundation@Avera.org**. Applications may be mailed to Avera Foundation PO Box 5045 Sioux Falls, SD 57117. For further information contact the Foundation at (605) 322-4750.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Position at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital: _____

Department at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital: _____

Years of employment at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital: _____

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.

Narrative:

- a. Definite criteria related to continuing education proposed.
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Letter of Reference:

Attach a letter of reference from the applicant's supervisor.

Employee Signature

Date

Supervisor Signature

Date

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