

## About the Mark Steinborn Memorial Scholarship

The Mark “Sparky” Steinborn Memorial Scholarship Endowment is proud to offer a scholarship for students pursuing advanced degrees to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA). The purpose of this scholarship is to seek out individuals that possess a passion for humanitarian efforts and providing care to underserved and underrepresented populations. The award recipient should embody integrity, kindness, respect for all and an appreciation for humor.

The Mark “Sparky” Steinborn Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established by Mark’s loving colleagues at Avera. Mark graduated from anesthesia school in 1985 and spent the majority of his nurse anesthetist career at Avera, caring for thousands of individuals and mentoring many anesthesia students along the way.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be enrolled or accepted in a Nurse Anesthesia program.
- With a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a four-point scale for post-secondary education.
- A past or present Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center employee in good standing.

### Deadline

- All application materials must be submitted by **March 31** to be considered
- Up to two \$1,000 scholarships awarded annually
- All applicants will be notified by July 1

### Disbursement

- Fall Semester – \$1,000

# Mark Steinborn Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Application materials required:

- 500-word essay describing your experience in service to others.
- Completed application form below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Anticipated date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*overall must be 3.0 or higher

Degree/major: \_\_\_\_\_

**It is strongly encouraged to send your completed application form and essay by email to:**

[foundation@avera.org](mailto: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: Steinborn Scholarship – your name**

You may also mail your completed application packet to:

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