Linda Meints Cooper is an advanced practice nurse. She received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois in 1980, and continued on to receive her master’s degree in Family Nurse Practitioner in 1999 from the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University. Linda served as a Board Member for the Illinois State University Alumni Board from 2002-2007, and provided leadership as treasurer. Linda continued on in her service to Illinois State by joining the Mennonite College of Nursing Alumni Organization. Linda is a dedicated fan of Illinois State University Women’s Athletics, and through her gift, dreamed of supporting both her enthusiasm for Women’s Athletics and her commitment to the profession of nursing.

Linda comes from a family dedicated to the care of others. Her mother, Carol Montgomery, was a source of inspiration. Carol was a nurse who always worked quietly behind the scenes. She touched every life she encountered along the way, always making a difference. She was truly an unsung hero. Her nursing career included 28 years in labor and delivery, and the last years in oncology. Linda’s daughter, Laura, is a physician, her sister is a nurse, and her brother is a firefighter. Through this scholarship, Linda hopes to honor her family, those who have committed their lives to make a difference in the lives of others.

Each candidate for the Linda Meints Cooper Scholarship for Nurse Athletes must meet the following criteria:

A. The recipient must be enrolled in good academic standing or accepted for enrollment in the Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University.

B. The recipient may be an undergraduate or graduate student who is also a student athlete.

C. Funds must be used for educational, housing, and/or material expenses (i.e. books, uniforms, equipment).

D. The scholarship is renewable for any years of enrollment at Illinois State University.