Dean’s Endowed Scholarship Fund

This permanently endowed scholarship fund was established in 2006 by dean Nancy Ridenour to provide resources to attract outstanding undergraduate and graduate students to Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University. The Dean’s Scholarship will be among the highest awards a student may receive while pursuing a degree. Dean Ridenour is the first dean of Mennonite College of Nursing since its arrival at Illinois State University in 1999.

The purpose of the Dean’s Endowed Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships and fellowships to enable outstanding undergraduate and graduate nursing students to complete their nursing education. These awards could include students of Mennonite College of Nursing and also could include Mennonite College of Nursing faculty pursuing doctoral degrees at Mennonite College of Nursing or other institutions. The Dean’s Scholarship will exemplify the dean’s commitment to supporting the education of the very best students and faculty, thus fulfilling the mission of “producing the preferred graduate.”

The Dean’s Endowed Scholarship will be funded by gifts made to the College of Nursing by Dean Ridenour, attendees of College of Nursing events held to celebrate Illinois State University’s 150th anniversary, and other gifts to the College, as appropriate.

Candidates for the Dean’s Endowed Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

a) The recipient must be an undergraduate or graduate student either accepted or enrolled in Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University or a faculty member enrolled in a doctoral program at MCN or another institution.

b) The recipient must be a student in good standing.

The Dean’s Scholarship recipients may apply to receive additional scholarship from this fund if they continue to meet these candidate qualifications.