The Peter A. and Ella G. Schertz Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2000, as a part of the acquisition of Mennonite College of Nursing by Illinois State University. This scholarship fund was created out of the monies that Beulah (Schertz) Roth, and Velma Schertz had given to Mennonite College of Nursing beginning in the 1970’s for the purpose of establishing private student loan funds as a living memorial to Beulah’s and Velma’s parents, Peter and Ella Schertz. The funds have subsequently been transferred into and provide the base for The Peter A. and Ella G. Schertz Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Beulah Schertz Roth graduated from Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing in 1930. Velma Schertz graduated from Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing in 1935.

The purposes of The Peter A. and Ella G. Schertz Endowed Scholarship Fund are to reduce financial disability as a barrier which may prevent an individual from enrolling at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, and to promote a spirit of brotherhood, sharing, and servanthood towards mankind.

Each candidate for a Peter and Ella Schertz Scholarship must be enrolled as a full time undergraduate or graduate student at Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University, must demonstrate an active spirit of brotherhood, sharing, and servanthood, as indicated by participating in leadership activities, volunteer activities, and/or community related activities, must demonstrate financial need, and must demonstrate potential for the field of nursing.