The Virginia Larsen Nursing Scholarship

Scholarship Guidelines:
The Virginia Larsen Nursing Scholarship is administered at the DeKalb County Community Foundation and can be used to offset educational expenses for students currently enrolled or committed to begin an accredited nursing program at any level.

The scholarship amount per recipient is determined by the scholarship selection committee. A total of $4,000 in scholarships will be awarded.

Applicants eligible to apply are:
1. Any permanent resident of DeKalb County, IL, seeking a nursing degree at any level.
2. Preference will be given to students who either graduated from a high school in DeKalb County or intend to live and work in DeKalb County after completing a nursing degree.

To apply:
- Apply online at www.dekalbccf.org/scholarships
- Applications must be complete and submitted by 11:59 p.m. April 1.
- Contact Becky Zantout, Grants and Scholarships Manager, with questions at b.zantout@dekalbccf.org or 815-748-5383.

History of the Scholarship Opportunity:
Virginia Larsen was born in Chicago, IL, on July 20, 1933. She married Arnold Larsen on October 23, 1954, and graduated from the Evanston School of Nursing the same year. Her nursing degree was one of her proudest accomplishments. She and her husband moved to the DeKalb/Sycamore area in 1963 and lived there until her death in 2018. She raised her family and played an active role in the lives of all of her grandchildren.

Service to the community was extremely important to Virginia. This commitment was evident through her many volunteer roles in local organizations, one of which was Kishwaukee Community Hospital. She combined her love of nursing, community, hospital, and helping others by creating the Virginia Larsen Nursing Scholarship. Virginia wanted to provide support and make a difference for DeKalb County residents as they pursue careers in nursing.