

Dr. Sue Follon Scholarship for Women In Leadership



Dr. Sue Follon served as Vice President for Educational and Student Services at the University of Northern Iowa from 1985 until her death from lung cancer on November 4, 1998. She was the first woman to be named a vice president at UNI.

Dr. Follon's leadership style was built on helping others develop their own gifts and "soar" in their own right. She was never one to seek the limelight herself, but rather concentrated on empowering others. She was known for her listening skills, her attention to the individual, and her commitment to community. Students and their development were her central focus, and she was a strong advocate for programs and policies which promoted this. She delighted in her interactions with students and called many by name.

Prior to coming to UNI, Dr. Follon served as the Executive Director of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women from 1976-1985. She was untiring in her efforts to promote equality and justice. Former Governor Ray said, "I believe she moved the cause of women's rights so far --- as much as any person I know. She knew people were adverse to change and understood that people responded to a cause when it was presented in a civil fashion."

Dr. Follon received her B.S. degree in biology from Iowa Wesleyan College in 1963, her master's degree in College Student Personnel Services from UNI in 1970, and her Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from Drake University in 1983. She was born on June 22, 1942, to Oliver and Mary Rebecca Follon of Volga, Iowa. Other positions held included service as Assistant Dean of Students and Coordinator of Student Activities at Buena Vista College, Director of Campbell Hall at UNI, and high school teacher in Delmar. Her awards included the Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice, Salute Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Progress of Women, Iowa's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year in 1976, and a Merit Award from the Iowa Wesleyan College Alumni Association.

Scholarship Guidelines for 2018-2019

Description and Criteria: This scholarship recognizes students for their leadership contributions during their tenure at UNI and potential to model leadership for women. Applicants should show evidence of leadership potential through their awareness of social justice issues, including those affecting women and/or gender; desire to make a difference; demonstrated commitment to serving others; and ethical behavior. The committee will consider both breadth and depth of leadership activities. Applicants must be undergraduate students who have completed at least 30 credit hours at UNI at the time of application and will be returning for the following academic year as an undergraduate student (both fall and spring semesters) and are required to be full-time students each semester. A cumulative grade point of 3.25 or higher is required.

Amount: \$5,000 one-year award applied directly to the student's university bill (half each semester).

Application Deadline: Applicants are required to use the University Scholarship Application at <http://www.uni.edu/finaid/>. The deadline for submission for currently enrolled students is January 15, 2018.

Award Presentation: The scholarship will be awarded in the spring.

Selection Process: Applicants must complete the University Scholarship Application and answer the following two questions under the "Academics" section:

- Will you be a full-time UNI undergraduate for both semesters in the upcoming year?
- Would be interested in the Dr. Sue Follon Scholarship for Women in Leadership Scholarship?

Students meeting all minimum requirements and answering these questions on the form will be contacted after January 15th regarding further questions addressing the above criteria which are required for the Follon Scholarship selection process. Consideration will be given to the quality and clarity of responses. The selection committee will screen the applications and make the selection. Should there be no qualified applicant in a given year, the scholarship will not be awarded.

Selection Committee: The selection committee will be composed of at least three faculty/staff and at least one upper level or graduate student involved with programming activities, which promote women and leadership.