This research award is in memory of Marlene Rotbart Matten, a nurse at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, who, while working full-time as Director of Education and raising a family of four children, earned her Master’s and Doctoral degrees at SIU Carbondale. After receiving her degrees, she became Director of Education and Planning at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Her education and nursing skills had a major impact on the southern Illinois region, and helped innumerable citizens in the area. Her research on tissue and organ transplantation had an impact far beyond the local region. As a mother, teacher, and nurse, she continued to be a wonderful role model for women.

This award is given to support future or ongoing research.

**APPLICATION PACKET:**

- Application letter outlining current research and scholarship interests (one single-spaced page max)
- Two page abstract of proposed research topic
- Letter of recommendation from committee chair and one other letter of recommendation emailed sandypc@siu.edu by deadline
- Proposed budget (detailed explanation of how the money will be spent, including estimates for specific equipment, software, salaries for transcribers, etc.)
- Unofficial transcript of all graduate work completed at SIU Carbondale
- 100-150 word biography

**DEADLINE:** 2/22/19, 4:00 PM

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Identify as a woman (broadly defined)
- Have or will be as of Summer 2019 enrolled in an approved Master’s or Doctoral program at SIU Carbondale
- Be registered for the minimum number of hours to qualify as a graduate assistant unless she is in the last semester of her program (the recipient need not be registered for summer courses)

**CRITERIA:**

- Research in a health field, broadly defined to include basic and applied research
- Quality of proposal as reflected by the abstract of proposed research
- Applicant’s understanding of the details of the proposal as reflected in the proposed budget
- Whether the award will contribute significantly toward achieving the goals of the applicant
- Quality and significance of research as reflected in letter from committee chair and one other letter of recommendation
- Past evaluation(s) of applicant’s academic performance as reflected in academic transcripts

Proof of enrollment will be required before funds are released.

Recipient will be notified by March 1, 2019, and will be honored at the Celebrate Women event, March 21, 2019.

Email completed application package (other than recommendation letter) to sandypc@siu.edu (please list “Matten Award application” in email subject line)