Hastings College is pleased to offer the Marlene and Donald Marx Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is available to an upper-class student with a major in pre-physical therapy and a demonstrated financial need.

“The scholarship was started to provide some financial assistance for a student to become a Physical Therapist,” Mr. Marx said. “There continues to be a shortage of therapists in Nebraska. We hope that this will encourage a student to pursue a career in Physical Therapy.”

Donald Marx and Marlene Sinner both graduated from high school in Harvard, Nebraska, and then attended Hastings College, receiving degrees in 1957 and 1958, respectively. Donald studied biology and Marlene, elementary education.

The couple married in 1956 and moved to Iowa City where Mr. Marx completed his graduate work in physical therapy, and Mrs. Marx taught at the School for Handicapped Children at the University of Iowa.

Upon receiving his physical therapy license, the ninth ever given in Nebraska, Mr. Marx worked at the Mennonite Hospital in Beatrice, Nebraska; Mrs. Marx taught elementary school.

In 1959, the Marxes moved to Lincoln where Mr. Marx worked at Lincoln General Hospital until 1990 and for Tabitha Home Health Care until he retired in 2001. He also was a consultant for various nursing homes and other facilities over the years.

Mr. and Mrs. Marx have three daughters: Debra, Diane, and Denise. Debra graduated from Hastings College in 1981.