Carol Jean Gray was born in Spokane, Washington on October 31, 1938. Her elementary school experience was unique, changing schools every two weeks as her parents traveled across the country holding revival meetings. Carol graduated from Northwest Nazarene College in 1960 and after moving to Texas, she pursued a Master's degree at Texas Tech. Carol taught in Lubbock public schools for 26 years and finished her career as a computer technologist. She died March 26, 1990.

Evelyn R. Gray was born in Monrovia, California on December 8, 1928. As a preacher's kid, she lived in numerous locations throughout the Northwest and Canada. In 1953 Evelyn graduated from NNC and received her Master's degree from Texas Tech in 1956. Returning to Nampa in 1958, she joined the NNC faculty and for two years taught courses in education and psychology. Evelyn retired in the spring of 1989 after teaching mathematics for 29 years in the Lubbock, Texas public schools.

Mary E. Waller was born in Waverly, Kansas on July 22, 1938. She moved to Weiser, Idaho in 1939 and later the family moved to Nampa where Mary attended Nampa High. Following graduation from NNC in 1960, Mary moved with her friends, Carol and Evelyn Gray, to Lubbock, Texas. She received her Master's degree from Texas Tech in 1964 and taught English in the public schools for thirty-three years, retiring in 1993.

Mary, Carol and Evelyn shared a unique friendship and many common interests. Their love for missions and travel took them to Venezuela in 1988. After Carol's death in 1990, Mary and Evelyn went on five more Work and Witness trips to Central and South America, the highlight of which was the building of the Carol Jean Gray Memorial Church in Jutiapa, Guatemala. They also spent six months in Romania as Nazarenes in Volunteer Service. There they were the entire high school faculty for the Bucharest Christian Academy, and also taught in the Bucharest branch of ENBC. Although a chapter in this unique friendship ended with Carol's homegoing, Mary and Evelyn are attempting to continue the traditions through the establishment of this scholarship. They desire to encourage and challenge other young people to become Christian teachers and to promote missions, either by service on a mission field, or by faithful service to and financial support of mission programs.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and worthy character who have financial need and who show promise of future service;
2. Though not a strict requirement, special consideration shall be given to students who are preparing for a career in teaching and/or with a particular emphasis on missionary activity, either foreign or domestic;
3. Recipients shall be full-time students holding sophomore, junior, or senior class standing;
4. Nominations shall be made by the Office of Financial Aid for approval by the Scholarship Committee;
5. Recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better, and meet other general scholarship criteria.