James R. Henry was born in Graham County, Kansas in 1919, the youngest of eight children. Wanda L. (Kinkead) Henry was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri in 1927, the eldest of three children.

After being married in Kansas in 1947, Jim and Wanda relocated to a small farm east of Nampa where they spent the next 25 years farming and raising seven children. They sold the farm and Jim spent the ensuing years working at the sugar factory from which he retired in 1982.

During much of this period in Nampa, Wanda developed a relationship with NNC that would help shape their desire to be involved with its future. She worked as a relief nurse’s aide at Samaritan Hospital while receiving a BA in elementary education from NNC, graduating cum laude. She received her B.S. nursing degree in 1981 from Boise State University and worked as a nurse in the state of Washington juvenile corrections system until she retired in 1995.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and character who show promise of future service.

2. Preference is to be given to lineal descendants of James and Wanda Henry.

3. Nominations are to be made by the Office of Financial Aid and/or interested parties.

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