Wanda L. (Kinkead) Henry was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri in 1927, the eldest of three children. The family moved to Yakima, Washington in 1937, where Wanda graduated from high school in 1945. Wanda then attended St. Elizabeth School of Nursing for one year.

Wanda and James R. Henry were married in Kansas in 1947. In 1950 Jim and Wanda relocated to a small farm east of Nampa where they spent the next 15 years farming and parenting seven children. Wanda also worked as a relief nurse’s aide at Samaritan Hospital.

During this period in Nampa, Wanda developed a relationship with Northwest Nazarene College that would help shape her desire to be involved with its future. In 1965 she enrolled at NNC where she maintained an Honors Scholarship and was elected to the Phi Delta Lambda honor society. Wanda received a B.A. in elementary education in 1969, graduating cum laude. Continuing her education, Wanda obtained the M.A. in elementary education in 1974 and a B.S. in Nursing in 1981, both from Boise State University. In 1987 Wanda completed the requirements for certification as a School Nurse Practitioner from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She began work as a nurse in the Washington State department of juvenile corrections in 1983.

Wanda’s goal in establishing this scholarship is to encourage and assist Northwest Nazarene University students to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ in their chosen field of endeavor.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Recipients are to be at least third year nursing students who are preparing for a career in missionary service;
3. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years;
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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