Oscar and Jenell Hickerson met at Boise First Church of the Nazarene in 1931. Oscar grew up in the Boise area, while Jenell migrated to Idaho from Burr Oak, Kansas. Oscar and his family were first introduced to the Church of the Nazarene through the invitation of a life insurance salesman who was also the Sunday School Superintendent. Jenell is a third generation Nazarene. Oscar and Jenell were married in 1937, beginning a lifelong partnership that bore much fruit for the Kingdom of God. Their local churches and the many lives they touched were the beneficiaries of their sacrificial ministry and service. Oscar and Jenell both had long and productive careers at Boeing, with combined aviation field experience of 68 years.

Oscar and Jenell have been long-time friends and supporters of Northwest Nazarene University. Three of their five children, attended NNU, as well as five of the Hickerson's grandchildren. With five children, 17 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren, NNU will benefit from the faithfulness of Oscar and Jenell Hickerson for generations to come.

Criteria for the Award

1. Earnings from this award shall be used to provide assistance to the students of Northwest Nazarene University. Annual awards shall not exceed 90% of earnings on the fund;
2. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
3. Recipients shall have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above and a class standing of sophomore or above;
4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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