Art and Darlene Imel grew up in Oregon where Art attended Willamette University and Oregon State University. He completed work for a doctorate in 1959 and spent five years in the chemical industry as a Senior Research Chemist and Manager of Research.

It was during this period that Dr. Imel became aware of the positive impact college students trained at a church-related college could have on society. God’s leadership and this conviction brought the Imels to Nampa in September 1964, when Dr. Imel joined the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Imel served thirty years at NNC as professor of Chemistry and Head of the Department. Both of the Imel’s children, Kevin and Karyn, are NNC alumni.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients of this award shall be students majoring in the field of chemistry;

2. Recipients shall have a class standing of sophomore or above;

3. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and worthy character;

4. Awards are to be given to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above;

5. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;

6. Candidates for this award shall be selected by the Department of Chemistry and submitted to the Office of Financial Aid.