J. Keller Johnson was born in Illinois and moved with his family to South Dakota as a youngster. Ruth M. Wagner was born in South Dakota where she and Keller were married on August 31, 1928.

In 1936 they moved to the Treasure Valley in Idaho in order to provide their children an opportunity to attend Northwest Nazarene College.

They had five children: Erma, Howard, Floyd, Roger and Anna Marie. They reared their family on a farm at Melba, Idaho, and taught them Christian principles which allowed them to appreciate a Christian education. All of their children were graduates of both NNC's College High School and Northwest Nazarene College.

Keller and Ruth have been long-time active members of the First Church of the Nazarene in Nampa where Keller served as a member of the Church Board and the Finance Committee. He was for many years a Director on both the Production Credit Association and The Federal Land Bank of Caldwell; President of the Farm Bureau and a member of the Melmont School Board.

**Criteria for awarding of scholarship**

1. The purpose of this scholarship is for the recruitment and retention of students who have financial need and who show potential for academic success.

2. It may be awarded for subsequent years, up to a maximum of four, to students who otherwise might be financially unable to continue their college program.

3. Nominations are to be made by the Financial Aid Office for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

4. Students must be full-time, with preference given to those with a GPA of 3.0 or higher but not lower than 2.0.

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