The Wilbert And Phoebe Johnson Scholarship

Wilbert A. Johnson was born November 23, 1897 at Tolly, North Dakota. He spent his early life in North Dakota and Montana. Phoebe Bergland was born in Denver, Colorado on May 25, 1897. After their marriage on June 15, 1921, they moved to Everett, Washington. They had two children, Lenore (Steffan) and Wilbert Jr.

In 1928 they moved to Colfax, Washington where they founded the Fonks Store. After operating the store for twenty-six years, they sold it to their son, Wilbert Jr. and son-in-law Keith Steffan.

Both Wilbert and Phoebe were long-time active members and faithful supporters of the Church of the Nazarene in Colfax. Wilbert died on March 7, 1986.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. Financial need and scholarship shall be factors to consider in making awards.

2. Preference shall be given to students as follows: First, those from Whitman County, Washington; second, those from the Palouse Zone on the Northwest District.

3. Nominations may be made by any interested party.

4. The general award requirements, including full-time student status and a minimum 2.0 GPA apply.