Opal Judd was born April 24, 1912 in Dodge City, Kansas. She died April 9, 2003 in Milwaukie, Oregon. As a teenager Opal contracted polio, which left her without the use of her legs. Bill Judd, who later became Opal’s husband, suffered a swimming accident during his teen years in which his neck was broken. Bill lost use of his legs and had very limited use of his hands. Both Bill and Opal had to use wheelchairs for the rest of their lives.

Opal and Bill didn’t let their disabilities keep them from living and enjoying life. Bill sold insurance for their livelihood. Opal kept house and cooked meals. She developed muscular arms which allowed her to do most of the things other housekeepers do.

Cars equipped with special devices enabled the Judds to both handle their wheelchairs and drive. They were able to make some wide-ranging, out of town auto trips.

Opal and Bill Judd were marvelous examples of what determined, imaginative people can do in the face of adversity. It was Opal’s desire to encourage students through this scholarship.

**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 students preparing for full-time Christian service as a pastor, missionary, youth pastor, minister of music, physician or nurse.
3. Recipients are to be persons with Christian commitment and character who show promise of future service.
4. Recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above and full-time student status.
5. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
6. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, but not exceed four years.
7. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.