Arthur Kennedy was born July 14, 1911, in Coleharbor, North Dakota, and Travis Traylor was born December 14, 1920, in Craig, Colorado. Both moved to the state of Washington and later were married at the Church of the Nazarene in Oak Harbor, Washington on July 25, 1941. Together they owned and managed a logging company from 1946 to 1962 and an apartment complex from 1963 to 1976. They brought their children up in the church and taught them to serve God to the best of their abilities. Arthur passed away in 1985 and Travis in 2003 leaving three children, seven grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

Other Kennedy family members sharing the same beliefs as Arthur and Travis included Arthur's mother, Carrie Kennedy and her sister, May Mangum. They helped instill in Arthur and Travis' family that the highest calling was for a person to serve God and others. The Kennedy Family Scholarship honors the lives and beliefs of Arthur, Travis, Carrie, and May and is designed to assist those who desire to serve God as a minister or a missionary.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who are preparing for lives of service in ministry.
2. Recipients are to be students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who meet the additional criteria of the Ministerial Scholarship Funding Program.
3. Preference in awarding shall be given first to qualifying students from the Oak Harbor, Washington Church of the Nazarene, then to qualifying students from Island and Skagit Counties in Washington State. If no such students are eligible, then preference in awarding shall be given to students from the Washington Pacific District.
4. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the School of Theology and Christian Ministries and the Office of Financial Aid.

A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived. Gifts to NNUs Endowed Scholarship Programs become a “helping hand” to students as they prepare for their vocations and for lives of service to others. For more information, contact the Office of University Advancement, NNU, 623 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone (208) 467-8772.

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