At the age of 21, Josephine (Jo) Jolliff graduated from St. Maries, Idaho High School, quite an accomplishment for a girl who suffered as a child with a serious eye disease resulting in the loss of sight in one eye.

Jo arrived on the campus of Northwest Nazarene College (University) in January 1943. Two years later she married ministerial student Edgar Kincaid of Nampa. After Edgar completed his master’s degree program, the Kincaid’s pastored churches in Carthage and Mitchell, South Dakota, for ten years, followed by another thirteen years of ministry at Kent First and Kelso, Washington.

Following the death of her husband in 1966, Jo and their two children, Bob and Barbara, returned to Nampa and to NNC. Jo served the college as post office supervisor for twenty years, and as Alumni House hostess for five years. Jo also began a special ministry of making jam and baking pies and rolls to share with friends and students, a ministry that continues even in her “retirement” years.

Jo had a special interest in missions, and for eight years was Intermountain District NWMS President. Jo also served on the General Missionary Council for the Church of the Nazarene.

God has rewarded Jo’s love of and sensitivity to students with the enduring friendship of many. For a number of years, each Homecoming Auction has featured the sale – and resale and resale – of a “Jo Kincaid Apple Pie” to many former NNU students. In 2002, the proceeds resulted in the establishment of this endowed scholarship, in honor of Jo Kincaid’s gracious and giving spirit.

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. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
3. Students preparing for service in pastoral ministry are eligible for this award;
4. A student spouse of a student preparing for service in pastoral ministry is also eligible for this award;
5. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years;
6. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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