This music scholarship is established by Russel and Betty Knapp out of love for Northwest Nazarene College and the students she educates.

Russel Knapp was born in 1903 in Elkhorn, Wisconsin; Betty Knapp was born in 1909 in Pasadena, California. They were married in 1936 and began a life of ministry and involvement with young people which would touch countless lives. Their support and involvement with NNC spanned more than 50 years. While living in Reno, Nevada their home became a welcome sleep-over for many a singing group and athletic team. The Knapps’ warm hospitality continued when they moved to Nampa and immediately opened their spacious home to the college community. Many students through the years have experienced the joy of Russel and Betty’s ministry.

The Knapps had six children: Charles, David, Patsy, Judith, Linda Ruth, and George (who graduated from NNC in 1966). Russel and Betty’s belief in the mission of NNC caused them to provide for the endowment of this scholarship fund to help students for generations to come.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and character who have financial need.
2. Awards shall be given to students majoring in music, with preference given to students with either a vocal emphasis or an emphasis in instrumental wind and percussion.
3. Recipients shall have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.
4. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Music Department and/or 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 NNC’s Endowed Scholarship Program become a “helping hand” to students as they prepare for their vocations and for lives of service to others. For more information, contact the Development Office, NNC, 625 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone (208) 467-8842.