This scholarship, given by Joe and Eloise Shute Powell, is to honor the devout Christian influence and character qualities of Eloise’s grandparents and parents, as well as the godly and sacrificial examples of some of her NNC professors under whose teaching she was influenced for righteousness and a teaching career.

William J. Lewis homesteaded in Dakota Territory in 1882 where he married the daughter of another pioneer family. Together, with courage, tenaciousness and resourcefulness in a hostile environment, they developed a farm and became active participants in the community, helping to organize the Methodist Episcopal Church in Dickey. Of their seven children, four grew to adulthood.

Their second daughter, Hazel, graduated from Valley City Normal School and taught at the elementary level for a few years. She married J. Walter Shute who had moved to North Dakota from Illinois. He was part of a devout group who started a school in Georgetown, Illinois in the early 1900s that later affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene and eventually became Olivet Nazarene University. Walter often served as a lay preacher.

In 1943, the Shute family moved to Nampa from LaMoure, North Dakota where the second of their four daughters was attending NNC. Later, Eloise also attended NNC and graduated in 1951.

Both Joe and Eloise have enjoyed the blessings of a rich heritage and satisfying teaching careers—Joe as an author and biology professor at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California; Eloise in the elementary and secondary level classrooms as well as involvement in teaching English and Bible to a large refugee population. It is with joy that they pass along these blessings through this scholarship.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and worthy character, giving evidence of a transformed heart hungering after God.

2. Recipient must be an education major with a desire to influence lives through his/her teaching.

3. Recipient must be a continuing NNC student holding junior or senior class standing with demonstrated academic ability and scholarship.

4. Nominations are to be made by the Department of Education for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

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