This scholarship is established by the family and friends of Elmer and Bertha Miller, because of their deep love for Northwest Nazarene College and their desire to assist young people to attend. Elmer was born in Indiana in 1899. At the age of two his family moved to Oregon and settled near Molalla on a farm where Elmer lived for the next 94 years. Bertha Eagle was born in Illinois in 1903. She grew up in a parsonage home, attended normal school and taught for several years.

Elmer and Bertha were married in 1928. They had eight children: Howard, Russell, Evelyn, Paul, Doris, Gordon, Karalee, and Robert. Seven of them attended NNC, working their way through college with strong encouragement from their parents and whatever financial help was available. Six children met their spouses at NNC; four earned graduate degrees; one pastored; two taught at NNC; others taught in public schools, worked in government, or financial services. There has been one or more of the Millers’ descendants at NNC every year since 1950.

When the Church of the Nazarene came to Molalla in 1935, Elmer and Bertha became charter members. They were a vital part of the church until 1995, helping those in need and taking children and sometimes families into their home for extended periods of time.

In 1995 the aging process led the Millers to reluctantly leave the farm in order to be closer to family members. “Thank you, Mom and Dad, for your love and faithfulness to God and to your family. So far, your unwavering commitment to Christian higher education has influenced 27 of your lineal descendants to attend a Nazarene college.”

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and character, who show promise of future service.

2. Earnings from this award shall be used to provide assistance to the students of NNC. Annual awards shall not exceed 90% of the earnings on the fund.

3. Preference in awarding shall be given to the lineal descendants of Elmer and Bertha Miller.

4. Financial need shall be considered.

5. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Financial Aid Office and/or interested parties.