Alvin and Nancy (Tullock) Mittelstaedt were born into wheat farming families in Connell and Kphonos, Washington, respectively. They were married in 1939 and have four children: Joyce Barton, Gary Mittelstaedt, Darla Bales, and Mitzi Wilkes. They also have eleven grandchildren: Juli Barton, Ryan Barton, Jami York, Jason Mittelstaedt, Lindsay Kuhl, Tyler Mittelstaedt, Mindy Alsworth, Molly Bales, Andrew Bales, Kenzi Wilkes and Jadyn Wilkes.

In 1942 Alvin took over the wheat ranch his grandfather had homesteaded. In 1946 Alvin and Nancy believed in Jesus Christ and became part of the Connell Church of the Nazarene. As their children were growing, Alvin and Nancy had a strong desire that their children attend Northwest Nazarene College and planned toward this end. All four children attended NNC, and all of their grandchildren attended NNU, with eight of eleven graduating from NNU at this writing.

"The educational values and bonus marital relationships that have come about over these years with our children and grandchildren have proven to be of the highest value we can imagine," says Alvin. "We have only to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Concerning this scholarship, the realization that our lives will keep on sharing with other students at NNU after we are gone gives us the utmost joy and satisfaction."

"When I married into the Mittelstaedt family," writes Nancy, "my mother-in-law was so influential on me. She was so gentle and a wonderful representative for Christ. After we had Joyce and Gary, we gave our hearts to the Lord. After our conversion we made plans to send our four children to NNC. Alvin hired many NNC students in the summer on our ranch and it was a wonderful introduction for the children about the Nazarene college. What does NNU mean to us? It is where our children not only got their education but also became settled in their commitment to Christ; where they set their life's course. How grateful we are for NNU! It means everything in the world to us. We praise God for its influence in our family's life."

**Criteria for the Award**

1. This scholarship is to be awarded in the same spirit as the Trustees Matching Scholarship, to students of Christian faith from churches not eligible for the Trustee Scholarship.
2. Recipients shall be persons of Christian commitment and character, showing promise of future service and degree completion, meeting the following scholastic requirements:
   a. 3.0 high school GPA
   b. 2.5 GPA at the conclusion of the NNU freshman year
   c. 3.0 GPA at the conclusion of each year thereafter to maintain the scholarship.
3. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years.
4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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