Colene Cherrington Montgomery was born and raised in Yakima, Washington, where she was a member of Yakima First Church of the Nazarene for many years, later transferring to Yakima West Valley Church of the Nazarene.

Colene graduated from West Valley High School as an honor student and entered Northwest Nazarene College in 1973. While attending NNC she met and married John Montgomery, and they have continued to reside in Nampa. Their marriage has been blessed with two sons, Aaron and Jason. Colene and her family are all members of Nampa First Church of the Nazarene. Since 1978, Colene has been employed at Northwest Nazarene University.

This scholarship has been established in honor of Colene by her parents, Del and Ila Cherrington, in recognition of her Christian commitment and dedication to her family as well as her devotion and loyalty to NNU. Colene's gentle spirit has been her trademark since she was a small child. She enjoys her contact with students and prospective students, helping them to become established on campus.

The intent of this scholarship is that the recipients will sense God’s leading in their life as they follow their commitment to Him.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients shall be persons of Christian commitment and identify with the mission and purpose of Northwest Nazarene University;
2. Recipients shall have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above;
3. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years;
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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