Jesse Needles was born near Meridian, Idaho on December 11, 1903. He grew up in southern Idaho and attended Northwest Nazarene College.

Gladys Hunter was born in Culver, Oregon on March 18, 1908. When she was ten years of age, she moved with her parents to Emmett, Idaho. She graduated from the NNC Academy and later returned to NNC where she received her teaching certificate. She earned a BA in Education from the University of New Mexico and a Masters in Administration and Supervision from Arizona State University, Tempe.

Gladys and Jesse were married in Emmett, Idaho on June 20, 1935. They had two daughters, Patricia (Panoyan), a school teacher in Yuma, Arizona, and Sharon (Collins), who is employed in an executive position with a San Diego company.

Gladys taught school in Nampa for four years, then returned to Emmett where she was employed as a teacher until she and Jesse moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1940.

Jesse had a lengthy career as a Civil Service employee; he was employed in sensitive secret work for which he received two letters of commendation. He served in New Mexico, Arizona and Washington. In every place where he was assigned, Gladys was employed as a public school teacher. In addition, both of them were involved in missionary work with Indian people.

Jesse was a lay minister and, for a number of years, served as Religious Work Director at the Government Indian School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Following his retirement in 1965, he and Gladys were volunteer operators of the Cocopah Indian Mission in Somerton, Arizona. Jesse passed away June 13, 1982.

In the final years of her career, Gladys served as principal of two elementary schools in Yuma, Arizona; she retired in 1972. She is a Consecrated Deaconess in the Church of the Nazarene. A very involved member of the church, she has taught Sunday School classes of all ages. In addition, she served for twenty years as Senior Adult Ministries director in her church. Both she and Jesse were longtime members of the Gideons.

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1. Awards are to be made to students who are planning a career in the Christian ministry, with preference given to those who are Native Americans.

2. The scholarship may be awarded for subsequent years, up to a maximum of four, to students who may be financially unable to continue their college education.

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4. The general scholarship requirements, including a 2.0 GPA, apply.

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