The Dwayne Pedersen Memorial Engineering Scholarship was initiated in 1987 by family and friends following Dwayne's accidental death on August 4, 1986, a result of an avalanche while climbing Mount Temple near Lake Louise. All who knew Dwayne were aware of his strong and deep feelings for his family, friends, and for Northwest Nazarene College. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Physics at NNC in 1984 and in Civil Engineering at the University of Calgary in 1986. He was employed with Canadian Western Natural Gas Company Ltd.

While at NNC Dwayne participated in a Covenant Group of honor students committed to a growing life of Christian discipleship. It was felt that a fitting memorial would be the establishment of a scholarship program to help deserving young people pursue their college education in a Christian environment at Northwest Nazarene University.

Criteria for the Award

1. Earnings from the Dwayne Pedersen Memorial Engineering Scholarship Endowment Fund provide a scholarship to be awarded annually to a Pre-Engineering student or Engineering/Physics major enrolled at NNU. Annual awards shall not exceed 90% of the earnings on the fund.

2. The recipient is to be a person of Christian commitment and worthy character.

3. The recipient is to be nominated by the Chairmen of the Departments of Mathematics and Physics and approved by the Committee on Scholarships.

4. The general requirement for full-time student status and a 2.00 minimum GPA applies.