From the time of their marriage in 1951, Charles Pederson and Wanda Todd began a lifelong adventure that saw the warmth of their relationship touch the lives of many. Faithful members of the Bellevue, Washington Church of the Nazarene and unable to have children of their own, through the years Charles and Wanda became involved with many young people from their church who attended Northwest Nazarene University. They watched these students struggle to fund their education and often helped them financially. Charles and Wanda experienced deep personal fulfillment as they saw changed lives and witnessed firsthand these same students come back to the church after graduation, prepared to serve and support.

In 1955, Charles and Wanda built their “dream home” on a majestic, wooded one-acre lot. Wanda loved this house and the couple shared their lives in this home for more than 40 years. Charles and Wanda had always hoped to someday endow a student scholarship at NNU. It seemed appropriate to Charles and Wanda that their home and adjacent lot would provide the primary source of funding for a scholarship and fulfill their lifelong dream.

Through this scholarship, what Charles and Wanda Pederson had worked for together will fulfill their desire to continue to support students at Northwest Nazarene University.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be full-time students (minimum, 12 credit hours per semester) enrolled in a degree program conferred by the School of Theology and Christian Ministries at NNU.
2. Recipients are to hold membership in the Church of the Nazarene and have the recommendation of their local church pastor.
3. Recipients must meet GPA and other requirements as outlined in the NNU Ministerial Funding Program Selection Criteria.
4. Financial need will be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
5. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years.
6. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Department of Religion and the Office of Financial Aid.

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