Eilene Porter was born in American Falls, Idaho in 1926. She graduated from Nampa High School. After working at several jobs in various locations, she settled in Boise and began working for Mountain Bell. She held many titles ranging from Junior Operator to Supervising Engineer and was headquartered in Boise and Cheyenne, Wyoming. Her work involved extensive travel in the Mountain Bell area. She retired after almost 34 years and made Boise her home.

Eilene’s parents, Hobert and Mabel Porter, were members of the Nazarene Church. Eilene selected NNC for a scholarship because of her friendship with Martha Hopkins, a professor at NNC, and the fact that they are both related to some nieces and nephews resulting from the marriage of Martha’s sister and Eilene’s brother. Eilene thought the offspring of these mutual relatives might benefit from the scholarship.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients shall be students majoring in academic pursuits other than religion.

2. Recipients are to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above.

3. Preference shall be given to those who meet the other awarding criteria and can establish either family relationship or close friendship to the donor.

4. The scholarship may be renewed, but is not automatic. Students must re-apply each year.

5. Financial need is a consideration in the awarding of the scholarship.