In 1926 G.W. and Rosa Qualls moved with their family from Montana to Nampa, Idaho so that their children, Leo and Hazel, could receive a Christian education at Northwest Nazarene College. Active in the Church of the Nazarene, Mr. Qualls later served on the NNC Board of Regents and also as a Sunday School Superintendent and a member of his local church board.

Leo first enrolled in the grammar school, then located on the NNC campus. During this time a teacher, Pearl Miller, had such a profound influence on his life that he later established a scholarship in her honor.

After the failure of his first business venture, The Dime Lunch in Nampa, Leo moved to Montana where he met and married Corrine. They had two daughters, Lynda and Gwen, both of whom attended NNC.

Leo served on numerous official assignments on the Oregon Pacific District, including membership on the District Advisory Board. He received an honorary doctorate from Northwest Nazarene College in 1985. Leo’s death on April 4, 1988 ended 23 years of service on NNC’s Board of Regents.

This scholarship has been funded by Leo and Corrine Qualls in memory of G.W. and Rosa Qualls. It is to provide assistance to students who are pursuing a major in history.

Criteria for the Award

1. The Department of History will receive applications and make nominations for awards of this scholarship.

2. Scholarships are to be awarded each year, with preference given to a history major.

4. Academic scholarship and financial need are factors to be considered in granting the award.