Ellis P. Robertson (1890-1982) is remembered as a dedicated educator and churchman. A native of Mississippi, he moved to Kansas in 1921 and taught for many years in the public schools of Newton. At the time of his retirement, he had served 37 years as an elementary school principal. His strong leadership abilities, his keen interest in students and teachers, and his dedication to the pursuit of excellence won him the respect and affection of those with whom he worked.

He was an active member of the Church of the Nazarene, serving for many years as local church treasurer and board member. He was also a member of district boards and committees, for two terms a member of the General Board of the Church, and a Regent on the Board of his regional Nazarene college.

His wife Nellie (1896-1986) not only supported him actively in school, community and church activities, but devoted many years to teaching children in the Week-Day Public Bible School. The Robertsons are the parents of three daughters: Marjorie Nell Sullivan, Mary Joan Anderson, and Helen Hill (former staff member of NNC).

It is in recognition of their Christian witness; their contribution to the educational, civic, and church life of their community; and their encouragement to young people in their pursuit of Christian higher education that this scholarship is established in their memory.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. The scholarship shall be awarded to a continuing NNC student with sophomore, junior or senior class standing.

2. General scholarship requirements, including a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A., apply.

3. Recipients are to be students preparing for a career in the teaching of music.

4. Recipients shall exemplify the Christian ideal of NNC.

5. Nomination shall be made by the Department of Music.