Ken Roemhilt was born and raised in Waseca, Minnesota. He studied engineering at Dartmouth College and later served in the Armed Forces. Following his military service, Ken made his way to Alaska working in the timber industry.

Aino Tarvainen, the youngest child of Finnish immigrants, was born in Hanson, Massachusetts. Aino trained to become a nurse and served as a medical missionary with the American Baptist Association. It was while Aino was on a three-year assignment in Cordova, Alaska that Ken and Aino met. They married in 1967 and have since resided in Cordova.

Ken and Aino are both active members of the Cordova Church of the Nazarene. Ken serves as church treasurer and Aino as Sunday School administrator. Ken is employed as superintendent of North Pacific Processors, a seafood processing plant, and has employed many NNC students during the summer months.

The Roemhilt children, Jennifer, Christine, Katherine, David, Rachel and Deborah all attended Northwest Nazarene College and Ken and Aino are considered honorary alumni.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Recipients are to be graduates of Cordova High School, Cordova, Alaska;
3. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years;
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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