Salem First Church of the Nazarene has supported Northwest Nazarene University for generations. The congregation is strengthened by a large number of graduates from the University – doctors, educators, attorneys, pastors, business professionals and a host of others. These professionals fill vital roles as church board members and Sunday School teachers, and in music ministry, pastoral roles and congregational care. All credit their time at NNU with helping in the fulfillment of their dedication to the church and to their careers.

During the 1980s Salem First Church purchased property, with the intention of relocation. However, by the mid 1990s the church decided to remain at its current location and sold the property, which in ten years had grown in value considerably. It was the decision of the church board and congregation to tithe the growth in value of the property as a thanksgiving offering to God for His blessings. Several organizations and ministries beyond the borders of the church received portions of this tithe.

Northwest Nazarene University was one of the tithe beneficiaries. The University decided to invest these funds back into the students from Salem First Nazarene and established this scholarship.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Recipients are to be students who are members and/or regular attendees of First Church of the Nazarene in Salem, Oregon;
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.

A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived.
Gifts to NNU's Endowed Scholarship Program become a "helping hand" to students as they prepare for their vocations and for lives of service to others.
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