Ruby Sanner's mother, Florence Kephart, and her family were associated with Phineas F. Bressee in the early years of Los Angeles First Church of the Nazarene. Ruby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kephart, were faithful Nazarene laymen and always encouraged good church music, especially with their children.

Ruby served as a church pianist for many years, both in California and at College Church in Nampa. She was a faculty member in the Department of Music at Northwest Nazarene College for 36 years.

Dr. Jim Willis, in a tribute to Ruby, made the following comments: "During her years as a valued member of the music faculty, she dedicated herself to the teaching of hundreds of students. She herself is an accomplished and talented pianist and an unusually sensitive and intuitive accompanist who seems to be able to read the minds of those whom she accompanies. Teaching and accompanying are the great joys of her life, and through them shines her beautiful Christian spirit as a witness to the many students she has taught. She both worships and leads others in worship with her skill on the piano. This is a gift she has passed on to many of her students."

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. Awards are to be made to students who have the interest and capability of making a contribution toward providing good church music.

2. Nominations may be made by the Music Department for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

3. The general requirements for full-time student status and a 2.0 minimum GPA apply.

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