The C. Dene Simpson Psychology Scholarship

Dene Simpson was born in Ashland, Kentucky, September 16, 1936. He and his family moved to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1942 where his father was employed at the Nazarene Publishing House.

Dene received his B.A. from Bethany Nazarene College in 1958 and M.A. from the University of Kansas in 1962. He spent four years at Ford Motor Company in Kansas City as a statistical quality control analyst before he joined the faculty at NNC in 1963. He took a leave of absence in 1966 to work on a doctoral degree at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in the Department of Psychiatry, Neurology, and Behavioral Sciences. He returned to NNC in 1970 where he served as head of the Psychology Department until 1988. His area of specialization was neuropsychology. He left NNC in 1989.


Dene met Louise Cline at BNC. They were married on August 17, 1956. They have three daughters: René, Michelle, and Yvonne. René and Yvonne graduated from NNC; Michelle graduated from Bethany. Louise served 14 years as a primary school teacher. She also pursued a career in office management and accounting.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. The recipient will be a senior the following fall term.
2. The recipient will be eligible for graduation by completing a normal academic load in the senior year.
3. The recipient has, at the time of the award, a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or above.
4. The recipient must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or above and complete at least 14 quarter credits in both the fall and winter term of the senior year.
5. The psychology faculty must review the entire transcript of each student under consideration. If, in the opinion of the psychology faculty, a student has dropped a course for the purpose of "protecting a GPA," that student is ineligible for this scholarship.
6. Nominations shall be made by the Department Head of the Psychology Department for approval by the Scholarship Committee.
7. The minimum single scholarship award is $1,000. If funds are available, the psychology faculty may choose to award more than one scholarship, the amounts awarded to other recipients shall be not less than $500 per person. The psychology faculty may vote to increase the size and number of such awards as earnings make possible.
8. The psychology faculty may vote not to award this scholarship even though one or more students may meet these minimum requirements.
9. Financial need is NOT an eligibility requirement.

A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived. Gifts to NNC's Endowed Scholarship Program become a "helping hand" to students as they prepare for their vocations and for lives of service to others. For more information, contact the Development Office, NNC, Dewey at Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone (208) 467-8842.