John Skaggs was born in Oklahoma and moved to Idaho with his parents during the depression era, settling in the Jerome/Wendell area. It was here that he met Ruby Walz and they were married on November 14, 1947. They lived in the Magic Valley, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello, and in 1962 settled in Reno, Nevada where they have since made their home. Together, John and Ruby owned and managed Skaggs Real Estate along with a number of other business endeavors. They were always active in their local church and in their belief that the first fruits of their labor belong to the Lord.

John and Ruby had two children, Vicki Lynn who passed away in 1956, and Gary, who graduated from Northwest Nazarene University in 1972 and now serves NNU as Vice President for University Advancement. John and Ruby Skaggs have funded this scholarship out of their love for NNU and their belief that a Christian liberal arts education uniquely prepares our young people to impact their world.

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. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
3. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years;
4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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