Fred Slonaker was born January 9, 1895 and Zella Tempero was born October 21, 1894. They were married on June 12, 1923 and spent their entire lifetime as farmers in eastern Washington, near the place of their birth. They were long-time active members of the Church of the Nazarene. They provided materials for the construction of the Nazarene Church in Palouse. Both taught Sunday School classes. In addition, Fred served as Sunday School Superintendent and Zella as Missionary President.

The Slonakers had two sons, Wayne and Wallin, who attended Northwest Nazarene College. While at NNC both found their mates, Helen and Elaine, and returned to Washington to carry on the family farming tradition. All eight of Fred and Zella’s grandchildren attended NNC. Fred died in 1958 and Zella in 1976.

Criteria for the Award

1. The purpose of this scholarship is for the recruitment and retention of students who show potential for academic success.
2. Scholarships may be awarded for subsequent years, up to a maximum of four, to students who otherwise may be financially unable to continue their college program.
3. Preference shall be given to students from the Northwest District of the Church of the Nazarene.
4. Nominations are to be made by the Financial Aid Office for approval by the Scholarship Committee.
5. Students from all majors will be considered.
6. Nominees must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.