The Wesley & Jane Steck Scholarship

Wesley (Wes) James Steck was reared and educated in Nampa, Idaho, graduating from Nampa High School in 1935. Wes attended Northwest Nazarene University in 1939 and received his teaching certificate. He later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colorado State Teachers College and a master's degree from Stanford University.

During his career, Wes was both a teacher and a principal in Nampa, serving at Lakeview and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, West Junior High, and Nampa High School. He also served as assistant superintendent of the Nampa School District. Wes was a member of the Idaho State Board of Education in Boise and director of the Migrant Education Program for Canyon County.

Wes and Stella Jane Dakan, also from Nampa, were married on December 26, 1943. Jane graduated from Nampa High in 1939 and obtained a teaching certificate from Northwest Nazarene University in 1941. She graduated from NNU with a B.A. in 1966 and received her M.A. from Albertson College in 1970. Jane taught at Greenhurst and Lakeview Elementary Schools in Nampa from 1941—1945. From 1963—1967 Jane taught at Washington Elementary School in Caldwell, Idaho, where she served as principal from 1967—1980.

Because of their life-long association with Nampa, Northwest Nazarene University, and education, the Steck's have established this scholarship to aid prospective teachers from Nampa high schools achieve their dream of becoming a teacher.

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. Recipients are to be students who are majoring in the field of education;
3. Preference in awarding shall be given to minority students graduating from a Nampa high school;
4. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
5. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed five years;
6. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Department of Education and 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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