The L. Alline Swann Music Scholarship

Alline McGraw was the fifth of nine children born into a minister's home, to Dr. W.D. and Amanda McGraw on July 19, 1908, in Lufkin, Texas. She graduated from high school in 1924 in Bakersfield, California. She married William Wallace Swann on September 29, 1931.

Mrs. Swann earned her Bachelor of Music degree from Texas Wesleyan College and a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She went on to earn a Master of Music degree in piano performance from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, Illinois.

Alline taught at Bethany Nazarene College in Bethany, Oklahoma, for seven years and at Oklahoma City University for one year before coming to Northwest Nazarene College (now Northwest Nazarene University) in September 1942. She served the Music Department for 27 years before retiring in 1970. After taking a short retirement, she came back and taught piano again from 1973-1977 and continued to be an advocate and champion for music at NNU until she passed away in 1995.

Alline's professional life included a strong dedication to her church. She served as pianist, organist and choir director at College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa, Idaho, for many years. She also won recognition as a poet and author, having published six books and numerous poems.

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. Preference shall be given to students who are majoring in music.
3. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years.
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Department of Music in cooperation with the Office of Financial Aid.