Gene Weber was born in Kansas City, Kansas and moved to Walla Walla, Washington in 1910. He became a Christian through Walla Walla First Church of the Nazarene Sunday School outreach, and soon his entire family was converted. He graduated from Whitman College in 1929, served on the NNC Board of Regents for 25 years, and retired as Walla Walla Postmaster.

Leone was born in Cobb, Wisconsin and moved with her parents to Walla Walla in 1909, where she began attending the Nazarene church. She attended Whitman College and graduated from Eastern Washington University where she received her teaching credentials and, subsequently, taught school in the Walla Walla area for 28 years.

Leone and Gene have served the church in many positions on the local and district levels. They had three children, all of whom graduated from NNC; Beverly (deceased), Roger of Springfield, Oregon, and Hal of Nampa, Idaho. Hal is a long-time employee of NNC who has served in a variety of capacities, including Vice President for Financial Affairs.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and character who show promise of future service;
2. Awards are to be made to students who are preparing for a career in education, either elementary or secondary;
3. Students must be full-time, of junior standing or above, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and meet other general scholarship requirements;
4. A minimum of two scholarships are to be awarded annually from available funds, with 85% of funds being available for awards, while the remaining 15% is to be added back to principal;
5. Nominations for the scholarship are to be made by the Department of Education for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

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, 623 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83686. Phone (208) 467-8842.