Wendell Widdowson was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, where he grew up on a farm along with eleven brothers and sisters. Wendell worked in a coal mine as a young man until 1947, when he and Imogene married and moved to the state of Washington to work in the woods for several years. For eighteen years Wendell worked for a transfer company, until a heart attack kept him off work for a year. The Lord healed his body and Wendell worked as controller at Arden Tree Farms for the next thirty-four years, until his retirement in 2001.

Imogene was born in Dixonville, Pennsylvania, into a family of ten children. Her adult life was spent as a homemaker and mother of five children, four of whom attended Northwest Nazarene University. During the time their children were students at NNU, Wendell and Imogene realized the great need for scholarships. Since God has blessed their lives, the Widdowsons want to give back to Him in obedience to the words of scripture, “Give, and it shall be given unto you,” by helping young people receive an education at Northwest Nazarene University.

Wendell and Imogene’s favorite verses are those of Isaiah 55:6-7: “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and he will have compassion on him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients are to be students of worthy character and Christian commitment who show promise of future service;

2. Special consideration shall be given to students who have demonstrated commitment to their studies with a 3.0 high school GPA, an earnest heart for Christian character, and a caring heart for service to others;

3. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

4. Preference in awarding shall be given to students whose parents are in missionary service.

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