Truman J. Wilkes was born on February 27, 1895, in Mountain Home, Arkansas, where he spent his childhood. Artie B. Smith was born January 6, 1898, also in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Artie and T.J. were married in 1918. Shortly thereafter, T.J. left for service in the U.S. Army during World War I. Following his tour of duty in the medical corps in Europe, T.J. and Artie moved to Jerome, Idaho, where they were engaged in farming. They were active members of the Church of the Nazarene.

T.J. and Artie Wilkes had six children: William, Robert, Truman J. Jr., Margaret, Charles and Patrycia. All except William attended Northwest Nazarene College (now Northwest Nazarene University). Margaret served on the music faculty at NNC for six years.


This scholarship has been established by the Wilkes Family in memory of Truman J. and Artie Wilkes. It is to be awarded to students who are planning a career in full-time ministry, have financial need and demonstrate potential for academic success.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who are preparing for lives of full-time service in ministry in the Church of the Nazarene.
2. Recipients are to be students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who meet the additional criteria of the Ministerial Scholarship Fund Program.
3. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship.
4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the School of Theology and Christian Ministries and the Office of Financial Aid.