Bernard and Fern Atwater both grew up in Nebraska and were married there before moving west to raise their family. They settled in Jerome, Idaho, and it was there that they became acquainted with the Nazarene Church and Northwest Nazarene College.

Although neither attended NNC, they believed in the value of a Christian college education and the impact it could have on young people. Their daughter, Mary Atwater, attended NNC.

Criteria for the Award

1. Awards are to be given to student athletes participating in the intercollegiate baseball program;

2. Recipients must be in good scholastic standing and show satisfactory progress toward a degree;

3. Financial need shall be a consideration in awarding, with preference given to minority students;

4. A maximum of 90% of the earnings on the fund are to be awarded annually, while the remaining 10% of earnings are to be added back into principal;

5. Nominations for the scholarship are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid and/or the Athletic Department.