In 1901 Sylvetus and Nancy Ann Bartlow moved west from Illinois arriving in Pomeroy, Washington with their family of eight children, six boys and two girls. Sylvetus Bartlow was a farmer and preacher who held services in many of Garfield County's country school houses. He early sought the establishment of a Holiness church in Pomeroy. He had been reared a Free Methodist and was delighted when his efforts eventually led, in 1931, to a tent meeting in Pomeroy sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene. Another evangelistic effort was made the following year, and in February 1933 Grandfather's dream was secure with the establishment of a Holiness church, with sixteen charter members, in an old garage on Main Street. Oscar and Martha and their two children were part of that pioneer group. In 1936 Amos and Maurine joined the church along with their two sons. Nineteen of twenty-two Bartlow grandchildren and great-grandchildren have attended NNC and now great-great-grandchildren are attending. Almost fifty other Pomeroy students, through the influence of the Church of the Nazarene in Pomeroy, have enjoyed the NNC experience.

It is for the purpose of continuing to encourage Pomeroy young people to attend Northwest Nazarene College that Lucille Bartlow Meissner, Ellis Bartlow, Don Bartlow, Wendell Bartlow and their seventeen children established the Bartlow Family Scholarship in memory of Sylvetus and Nancy Ann Bartlow, Oscar and Martha Bartlow, and Amos and Maurine Bartlow.

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 deserving students who have financial need and who regularly attend the Church of the Nazarene in Pomeroy, Washington;
3. Awards are to be made to full-time students who have a GPA of 2.5 or above;
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 to principal;
5. Nominations for the scholarship are to be made by the Financial Aid Committee and/or interested parties.

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.