Del was born and raised in Yakima, Washington, attended College High School at NNC, and received his college education at Central Washington University. He was an elementary principal in Yakima until his retirement in 1987. Ila was born in Nampa, and as a young child moved with her family to Yakima. She was employed by the Yakima County treasurer as a bookkeeper and later for the City of Yakima in positions as secretary, personnel officer and executive secretary to the mayor and city manager—retiring in 1987 after having served 28 years in public service.

Del and Ila met at Yakima First Church of the Nazarene where they were married in 1952. They raised their children, Colene and Kevin in Yakima and were active for many years in Yakima First Church of the Nazarene and later at West Valley Nazarene Church in Yakima. In 1989 they moved to Nampa and are members of First Church of the Nazarene.

It is the prayer of Del and Ila that the recipients of this scholarship will sense God’s blessing in their lives as they further their education and commitment in service to Him.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients shall be persons of Christian commitment and identify with the mission and purpose of Northwest Nazarene College;

2. Recipients shall have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above;

3. Preference in awarding shall be given to lineal descendants of Del and Ila Cherrington;

4. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;

5. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four (4) years;

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

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