George Ernest Coryell was born in Janesville, Wisconsin on March 27, 1885. He grew up in the north woods country and, as a young man, was employed as a lumber jack. Matilda Johnson was born May 22, 1890; she and Ernest were married in Plentywood, Montana on September 15, 1914. They later moved to South Dakota where they were engaged in farming. They had nine children: Chester Earl, Hazel Leona, Doryce Ella, Dorothy Ellen, Ruth Elizabeth, John Wesley, Melvin Ernest, Joyce Eva, and Esther Elaine.

Matilda was a faithful Christian and attended church regularly, but Ernest did not become a Christian until he was 38 years of age. Of this experience he wrote, "Billows of glory continued to roll over my soul. For about an hour I was walking in another world. Never, as long as I live, can I forget that ten minutes of confessing that brought this blessed eternal peace to my heart on that night on the 12th of June, 1919. Coryell, the tough old sinner in the community, was saved!" Shortly thereafter, he received a call to the preaching ministry and became affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene. He served the church as an evangelist for over four decades and, during this time, started 66 new churches in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Idaho, and Oregon.

This scholarship has been established by Earl and Elizabeth Coryell in loving memory of Earl's parents; Ernest, who died January 27, 1962 and Matilda, who died July 25, 1965. Earl and Elizabeth have one son, Marshall, who graduated from Northwest Nazarene College in 1965, and one grandson, Marshall Bryce.

**Criteria for awarding of scholarship**

1. Awards are to be made to students who are preparing for a career in Christian ministry.

2. Nominations are to be made by the Division of Philosophy and Religion for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

3. Students must be full-time, have a minimum 2.0 GPA, and meet other general scholarship requirements.

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