The Carol Sharp Cowley Music Scholarship was established by Cliff Cowley in honor of his wife Carol, their years together, and her devotion to music. Carol was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Nampa, Idaho in 1929. Her father, Guy E. Sharp, was a professor at NNC for many years. Consequently, Carol's entire education was on the campus of NNC, beginning with first grade in the campus Academy and graduating from Northwest Nazarene College (University) in 1951 with a degree in Voice and Music Theory. While at NNC, Carol sang the soprano solo in Handel's Messiah and was involved in singing in many community events in Nampa.

Cliff and Carol met at NNC at the freshman retreat and later married in 1952. They moved to Portland, Oregon and joined Portland First Church of the Nazarene where Carol directed and sang in choirs. Cliff and Carol have three daughters, Karen, Lynne, and Brenda, all of whom graduated from Northwest Nazarene University.

Through the trials of life, including cancer, Carol adopted Isaiah 41:10 as her life promise: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (NIV)

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that Cliff and Carol provide this scholarship for students majoring in music.

Criteria for the Award

1. This scholarship is to be used for the recruitment and/or retention of students who show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Recipients are to be students majoring in music with an emphasis in voice;
3. General requirements for full-time student status and a minimum GPA of 3.0 shall apply;
4. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
5. Nominations for this award are to be made by the Department of Music in cooperation with the Office of Financial Aid.