Edwin E. Crawford, Jr. was born May 7, 1935 in Portland, Oregon, where he spent his growing years until 1952, when his parents accepted a call to pastor the Church of the Nazarene in Kirkland, Washington. Caril Crawford, from Bellevue, Washington, met Ed at Kirkland Church of the Nazarene during their junior year of high school. Ed and Caril were married in 1954, just prior to Ed’s sophomore year at Seattle Pacific University.

After two years at SPU, Ed graduated from Northwest Nazarene University in 1957 and he and Caril began a lifelong partnership in ministry. As an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, Ed served as senior pastor for five congregations in Oregon and Washington over a period of nineteen years. Concurrently he continued his education with work at Whitworth College, Washington State University, and the University of Oregon.

Ed joined the faculty of Northwest Nazarene University in 1976 as professor of philosophy and department chair. Many philosophy faculty members at Nazarene and other Council for Christian Colleges and Universities institutions of higher education attribute their undergraduate training to the program Ed initiated at Northwest Nazarene University.

Northwest Nazarene University honored Ed at Commencement 2002 with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, in recognition and appreciation for his contributions to the university, the church, and his profession.

**Criteria for the Award**

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;

2. Recipients are to be students with a major in philosophy;

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

4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed two years;

5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Department of Philosophy and Religion and the Office of Financial Aid.