Edwin E. Crawford was born June 18, 1914, in Springfield, Oregon. When he was five years old his parents moved the family to Cottage Grove Oregon, where Ed spent his growing up years. Elsie Edwards, born April 23, 1916, in Orchards, Washington, grew up in Vancouver. To find work during the depression Ed's family moved to St. John's, Oregon. It was here that Ed and Elsie met. They were married in the living room of the home of Elsie's brother, Charles Edwards, on Valentine's Day, 1934.

Ed and Elsie became parents to three sons: Edwin E., Jr., born May 7, 1935; Donald E., born May 10, 1936; and Melvin James, born May 18, 1944.

It was during the war years while working at the shipyard in Vancouver that Ed was called to preach. After the war Ed and Elsie served the Church of the Nazarene in Yacolt, Washington, as part-time pastor while Ed also worked a full-time job in Portland. In 1952 Ed accepted a call to pastor the Church of the Nazarene in Kirkland, Washington. Ed and Elsie subsequently pastored in Hood River and Ashland, Oregon; Lodi, California; Brentwood Church in Portland, Oregon; Hillsboro and South Salem, Oregon. Ed also served on staff at Beaverton, Oregon.

Ed and Elsie's lives were filled with hard work, love, fun and success. They also desired the best education for their children, and sacrificed and supported their sons in their educational efforts. Ed and Elsie Crawford were strong supporters as well of Northwest Nazarene University. It is fitting that this scholarship is established in recognition of their lives of godly faithfulness.

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

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

4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Department of Philosophy and Religion.

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