John Dean was born in Nampa, Idaho, on June 8, 1961. He attended Nampa schools, graduating from Nampa High School in 1979.

John was blessed with enormous athletic ability and enjoyed participating in sports throughout his school career. He was quarterback for the Nampa High football team and later played football on a full-ride scholarship at Idaho State University. He was an excellent baseball player and enjoyed that sport to the fullest.

He attended Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, Oregon. John later enrolled at Northwest Nazarene College to be able to take science courses from his idol, Dr. Leon Powers. That association was the highlight of John’s life. He received his degree and later his teaching certificate from Boise State University. He taught for a year in Battle Mountain, Nevada, and had just completed the total remodeling of a home here in Nampa. As with all of his undertakings, the house is beautiful and a model of perfection.

John loved the outdoors and all of God’s creatures residing therein. He and his dog, Pete, enjoyed many hours together out in the desert. John loved people and was so loved by so many. God gifted him with a disposition and demeanor that would have served him well a hundred years ago but put him out of sync with the world as it has become. His greatest desire was to settle in Guyana, South America, but that was not to be.

God welcomed John into his Kingdom on November 11, 1997. Heaven’s gain is his family’s and friends’ loss. John will be remembered for his vast talents in so many areas, for his wonderful sense of humor, and for the genuine person that he was. He is loved.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements who show potential for academic success and degree completion;
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 4 years;
4. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.