The
Juanita Demmer

Scholarship

Juanita L. Demmer was born in Medford, Oregon, the youngest in a family of six children. After graduating from high school, Juanita attended the University of Oregon where she earned both a B.A. and M.A. in Spanish. She also earned her M.A. in German from the University of Wisconsin.

Miss Demmer taught for 20 years in Oregon high schools and two years at the University of Oregon. She served on the faculty at Northwest Nazarene College from 1944 through 1946 and again from 1956 through 1975. During those years she taught Spanish, German, French, Latin, and Greek, and served for many years as chair of the Foreign Language Department.

Miss Demmer grew up in a non-Christian and non-educated family. However, she started teaching at age 22 and became a Christian at age 28. She said, “Education and Christianity gave me my life, so I’m trying to perpetuate that. I believe that if you educate the youth, you are building the church.” From this perspective, she established the Juanita Demmer Scholarship Fund.

Following her retirement from NNC, Miss Demmer returned to Medford where she had not only grown up but also had taught at the high school for 11 years. She passed away March 20, 1993 in Medford.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be persons of Christian commitment and worthy character who have financial need and who show promise of future service.

2. Recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better.

3. Students may apply by using the Departmental Scholarship Application.

4. Nominations are to be made by the Office of Financial Aid.

5. General requirements for full-time student status apply.

A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived. Gifts to NNU’s Endowed Scholarship Program become a “helping hand” to students as they prepare for their vocations and for lives of service to others. For more information, contact the Office of University Advancement, NNU, 623 Holly St., Nampa, ID 83685. Phone (208) 467-8772.