Northwest Nazarene College was started in 1913 by a layman who never preached a sermon and did not have a college education.

Eugene Emerson, born in Ohio in 1866, came to Idaho by covered wagon with his family when he was 16 years of age. In 1901 he married Indiana Bogue, and they settled in Nampa shortly thereafter. They had three children—a daughter who died in infancy and two sons, Calvin and Earl. He started a lumber company, was engaged in other business activities and also served as mayor of Nampa.

While on a trip to California in 1912, where he visited the Nazarene school in Pasadena, he got the idea for establishing a school in the Northwest. He returned to Nampa and, in the fall of 1913, the school opened with 13 pupils. One of these was Calvin Emerson.

In NNC's Silver Anniversary Book, Mr. Emerson is described as having four outstanding characteristics.

1. He was a man of unswerving purpose.
2. He was a man of indomitable courage.
3. He was a man of capacity for real friendship.
4. He was a man possessing a discriminating choice of worthwhile objectives.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. This scholarship is to be awarded to a junior or senior student who is planning to enter full-time ministry as a pastor or missionary in the Church of the Nazarene.

2. Nominations shall be made by the Division of Philosophy and Religion.

3. The general requirements for full-time student status and a minimum 2.75 GPA apply.

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