Arnold Finkbeiner was born in Connell, Washington on September 28, 1904. He graduated from the NNC Academy in 1935 and Linfield College in 1940. Ella Hessel was born in Weston, Oregon on February 20, 1907. She and Arnold were married in Connell, Washington on June 14, 1928. They had six children, Arnie, Myron, Gary David, Paul, Sharon and Junella, four of whom attended Northwest Nazarene College.

Following pastorates in the Methodist Church, in 1942 Arnold accepted an assignment at Northwest Nazarene College where he started the Art Department and served as Chairman until 1957. He then returned to the pastoral ministry, serving the Church of the Nazarene in the British Isles, Germany, Switzerland, Israel and Panama.

Now retired, Arnold and Ella live in Nampa, Idaho

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. The first priority for awards is for the recruitment and/or retention of students who are majoring in art.

2. The second priority is for students whose parents are either Nazarene pastors or missionaries.

3. Nominations are to be made by the Department of Art for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

4. Nominees must be full-time, have a minimum 2.0 GPA and meet other general scholarship requirements.