A. Furman Harris was born at Clay City, Indiana on November 16, 1896. While still a young child, the family moved to a homestead in North Dakota. Since he was the eldest child, it was necessary for him to miss much of his early formal schooling while he was working on the family farm. However, he later attended Olivet Academy, Taylor University, and Northwest Nazarene College.

Rev. Harris began his ministry in the Methodist Church in 1914. He later affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene and served as a personal aide to Dr. Phineas Bresee. Rev. Harris was the founder of Nazarene churches in Laurel and Billings, Montana, and served as pastor of churches in Cheyenne, Wyoming; Kuna, Weiser and Filer, Idaho; and Bend, Springfield and Cottage Grove, Oregon. Although he officially retired in 1963, he continued assisting home mission churches, serving as interim pastor for many years.

Dorothy Cunningham met A. Furman Harris in Laurel, Montana and they were married on April 22, 1922. They had two sons, John and Paul, and a daughter, Carol. All three graduated from Northwest Nazarene College. Six of their grandchildren also attended NNC. Rev. Harris served for many years as a member of NNC’s Board of Regents. He died on November 9, 1987. Mrs. Harris passed away on April 30, 1995.

Criteria for the Award

1. Preference shall be given to students who are preparing for the preaching ministry.

2. Nominations are to be made by the Division of Philosophy and Religion for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

3. Students must be full-time, have a minimum 2.5 GPA, and meet other general scholarship requirements.

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