Chet Hill was born on New Year's Day in Braddock, North Dakota. During the dust bowl years he moved with his family to Snohomish, Washington. It was here that Chet graduated from high school and then attended Seattle Pacific College. During World War II he served in the Navy for four years.

Bernita Aylett was born in Oklahoma, but moved with her family to Salem, Oregon. She graduated from Woodburn High School and then left to attend NNC.

Chet and Bernita met at Portland First Church of the Nazarene, where they were married on May 13, 1949. Their wedding was the first to be held in the new church building. Eventually they became the proud parents of four children: Bradd, Cordd, Brenda, and Denise. They have also enjoyed their seven grandchildren.

After the war, Chet went to work for his commanding officer at the Northern Assurance Company in Portland. In 1954 Chet started his own insurance agency in the Parkrose community, where he held many positions of leadership.

Chet and Bernita worshiped and served at Portland First Church of the Nazarene their entire married life until Chet's death in 1997. Chet served many years as Sunday School superintendent, board member, and chairman of the church board. Bernita graciously opened her home for countless bridal and baby showers over the years. Together Chet and Bernita hosted hundreds of dinners in their home for new visitors as well as longtime members and staff. They lived their commitment to Christ, family and church by demonstrating love and integrity in every encounter.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients of this award must be in good scholastic standing and show satisfactory progress toward a degree.
2. Awards are to be given to students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or above.
3. Preference in awarding shall be given to students from Portland First Church of the Nazarene. In the event that there is not a qualified applicant from Portland First Church, then the award shall be given to students from the Oregon Pacific District.
4. Nominations for the award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.

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