Ken Keefe was born in Lansford, North Dakota, moved with his family to Missouri as a youngster and spent his adult life in Oregon. Ken was employed as a meat cutter for 14 years before going into the life insurance business for five years. He then became a mobile home dealer and later expanded his business interests to include real estate investments.

Marilyn Hoidal was born and grew up in Holloway, Minnesota. She graduated from Northwest Nazarene College in 1951 with a degree in Home Economics and a minor in Business. She taught school in Fruitland, Idaho before moving to Eugene, Oregon to attend the University of Oregon. She spent most of her working career in the accounting department of U.S. Plywood Corporation, now Champion International.

Ken and Marilyn were married in Ontario, Oregon on May 30, 1954. They are long-time members of the First Church of the Nazarene in Eugene, Oregon where Ken served on the church board for 25 years and was head usher. Marilyn served for many years as Sunday School secretary.

They have been involved in Senior Adult Ministries and served as travel directors for the Oregon-Pacific and Arizona districts. They have provided leadership for several Work and Witness Projects, including trips to Alaska and Denmark.

In 1984 Ken and Marilyn were awarded the NNC Alumni Association Citation of Merit.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. Awards are to be made to students who have financial need and who demonstrate potential for academic success.

2. Preference shall be given to students from the Oregon-Pacific District, Church of the Nazarene.

3. Nominations are to be made by the Financial Aid Office for approval by the Scholarship Committee.

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