Merlyn and Pearl Mesman have lived their entire lives in the Willamette Valley in Oregon. Merlyn was a Yardmaster for Southern Pacific Railroad prior to his retirement.

They have both been active members of the Church of the Nazarene for many years. At Eugene First Church, Pearl served as Church Secretary and Junior Department Supervisor and Merlyn was involved in the Bus Ministry and was a longtime member of the Church Board.

Two children were born into their family, Joan and Don, and both graduated from Northwest Nazarene College.

*Criteria for awarding of scholarship:*

1. This scholarship is to be awarded to students who are preparing for full-time Christian service.

2. Nominations may be made by any interested party through the Division of Philosophy and Religion.

3. Although not a strict requirement, preference shall be given to students who are in their Junior or Senior year.

4. General requirements for full-time student status and a 2.0 GPA apply.