A. Elwood Sanner was born in Colorado and spent his early life there, in Idaho, and in California. He received his A.B. degree and M.A. degree from Pasadena College (now Point Loma Nazarene College). He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity by his alma mater. Dr. Sanner took graduate studies at several schools, including Oxford University in England.

Dr. Sanner married Ruby Kephart in 1937. They have two children, Patricia and Evelyn, both graduates of Northwest Nazarene College. Ruby served for many years as Professor of Music at NNC.

Following 13 years in the pastoral ministry, Dr. Sanner was, for many years, chairman of the Division of Philosophy and Religion and Professor of Theology and Bible at NNC. A frequent contributor to church school periodicals, he was also a writer for *Beacon Bible Commentary* and co-editor of the college text, *Exploring Christian Education*.

Dr. Ralph E. Neil, in comments prepared for the denominational *Citation of Merit* which was awarded to Dr. Sanner in 1993, made the following observations: "Dr. Sanner has been a teacher, a colleague and a brother in the Lord to hundreds of ministers and laymen whose service now extends around the world. To some of us, he has been all of these at one time or another during his 35 years of service at Northwest Nazarene College. Gentle, loving family man, ever-studious theologian, fiery preacher, faithful teacher with inspirational moments of bright illumination, trustworthy instructor of the holy Scripture whether by tongue or pen -- the church and this college do safely trust in and honor A. Elwood Sanner."

**Criteria for the Award**

1. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for the recruitment and/or retention of students who are pursuing a degree in philosophy or religion.

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

3. The general requirements for full-time student status and a minimum 2.0 GPA apply.