Noah Tate was born on March 19, 1916 in Missouri, where he grew up and spent his early adult years as a farmer. He then moved to Oregon and was employed as a conductor with Southern Pacific Railroad until his retirement July 1, 1973.

Lydia Obermiller was born on March 7, 1919 in Nebraska, where she spent her childhood on a farm. Following her graduation from high school, she attended the University of Nebraska. She taught school for seven years. During World War II she was recruited by the DuPont Company and worked at Hanford, Washington. She later moved to Portland where she was employed by Pendleton Woolen Mills as a payroll clerk until her retirement in 1978.

Noah and Lydia met in Portland and were married on August 15, 1949. Their family consists of four children--JoAnn (Willis), Janelle (Nelson), Edwin and Robert. JoAnn, Janelle and Edwin graduated from Northwest Nazarene College. The Tates have eight grandchildren.

Criteria for awarding of scholarship

1. Scholarships shall be awarded to Junior or Senior students.

2. While not a strict requirement, preference shall be given to those who are preparing for a career in full-time Christian service.

3. Financial need, scholarship and the promise of effective future Christian service shall be factors in making awards.

4. Nominations may be made by the Division of Philosophy and Religion or the Financial Aid Director.

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