

## Education

### **Sarah Whitehead Ackley Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2000 by family and friends in memory of Sarah Whitehead Ackley. She graduated from Burlington High School in 1929 and attended Northwestern from 1929-32 earning her life teaching certificate. She later obtained her bachelor's degree in 1959 and taught the majority of her career in Ulysses, KS from 1959-75. The purpose of this scholarship is to honor a Northwestern student who will be dedicated to improving the education system for future generations. Freshman and continuing students are eligible for this award and must have at least a 2.5 CGPA.

### **William and Eva Bird Scholarship**

William E. and Eva May Bird have a long history in Northwest Oklahoma and Northwestern Oklahoma State University. William was born in Woodward County and attended Northwestern State Teacher's College while he taught school and worked various other jobs until he graduated in 1940. William became a full-time teacher and taught for over 36 years. Eva was born in Woods County and married William in 1933, prior to his attendance at Northwestern. Eva returned to school after her last child entered first grade and graduated from Northwestern in 1960. Eva May taught for over 18 years in the public school system. At the time of this endowment, two of their five children have attended Northwestern and five of the grandchildren have graduated from Northwestern.

### **Max and Alberta Bliss Scholarship**

This endowment was established in 2003 by Alberta Bliss and her two sons, Ronnie and Lonnie, upon the passing of Max Bliss. Max served in the United State Navy and upon his retirement moved back to settle on Alberta's grandparents farm and raise their two sons. In 1970, Alberta finally got her chance at a college education and in 1975 earned her master's degree in special education and would later earn a second master's degree in remedial reading. Alberta was Teacher of Year for Carmen-Dacoma, Woods County, Northwest Oklahoma, and was a finalist for the state title in 1979. Max and Alberta have been active and supportive throughout their children's and grand children's education, many of whom have attended Northwestern. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in the area of education or coaching.

### **Aaron and Thelma Campbell Scholarship Award**

The Aaron and Thelma Campbell Scholarship Award was established in 1987. Mrs. Campbell attended Northwestern in the fall of 1926. She obtained her teaching certificate and several summer sessions later obtained her lifetime teaching certificate. She taught school for eight years. This scholarship provides assistance to students in the Elementary Teacher Education Program. The recipient must be admitted into the teacher education program and must be an elementary education major.

### **Cargile-Pierce Scholarship**

Established in 1988 by the families of Myrtle Todd Cargile and Marvel Todd Pierce, this scholarship's purpose is to provide financial assistance to a student in the Teacher Education Program. Cargile graduated in 1927 with a bachelor's degree in education. Pierce obtained her life teaching certificate in 1923. Both sisters were honor students while attending Northwestern and dedicated their lives to education. Qualifications for this award are a 3.0 GPA and meeting the minimum requirements for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

### **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Chi Chapter Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 1994 by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society with the primary source of funding from Mrs. Velma Powers of Alva. Through this scholarship endowment the purpose is to maintain the high ideals in the teaching profession by awarding this scholarship to an outstanding Northwestern teacher education student. This award is reserved for a female continuing student who has been admitted into the education program.

### **The Edna Donley Teacher Education Scholarship**

A 1929 graduate of Northwestern State College, Edna Donley brought national attention to Oklahoma when she was named the 1959 National Teacher of the Year and in 1989 named to the O. E. A. Hall of Fame. Edna taught in the Alva Public Schools for 29 years before moving to Oklahoma City where she organized the Department of Instruction and Professional Development for the Oklahoma Education Association. After retirement, she became the first Director for the Oklahoma Retired Teachers Association. This scholarship is given to an upperclassman who has been admitted in the teacher education program. He or she must be in the upper 15% academically and possess a desire to make a significant contribution to the education profession.

### **George and Anna Dyer Memorial Teaching Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2005 from a trust left by George Dyer before his death in 2004. George and his wife Anna lived on his family's homestead around the Alva area. George was a farmer and rancher who loved flying and was a member of the Flying Farmer's. Anna attended Northwestern Normal College where she got her teaching certificate. She taught at several of the rural grade schools in the area. The Dyers were married for 60 years when Anna died in 1998. George was described as a person who cherished his relationships with others and wanted to do something for his friends, family, and community.

### **L. L. Fullerton Scholarship**

Lionel Fullerton was an Alva native who graduated from Alva High School and then attended Northwestern. He owned and operated the Hub Cleaners of Alva until he sold it in 1963 and engaged in farming and ranching. This scholarship is given to a student majoring in the area of Early Childhood Education.

### **Zearl James and Garnet Henderson Harmon Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2002 in honor of the forty years of dedicated commitment to education exhibited by Zearl and Garnet Harmon. Both Zearl and Garnet were born on small, dry land farms in Ellis County, Oklahoma in 1913. Both earned their degrees from Northwestern in 1940 (Garnet) and 1942 (Zearl) and continued careers in education until their retirement in 1978. Garnet and Zearl took jobs in separate cities until 1938 when Zearl became Superintendent in Cimarron Valley, Oklahoma and then the school board hired Garnet as one of his teachers. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide a positive force for the students of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and serve as a testimony to the pioneer spirit and work ethic of these two wonderful teachers. Applicants must be majoring in the following areas: teacher education, business, math or science.

### **Home Economics Alumni Association Scholarship**

The Home Economics Alumni Association was formed in 1983 and established this fund through dues and other donations. This award was revised in 1994 due to the closing of the Home Economics department. The recipient for this scholarship must be an Early Childhood Education major or a Nursing major.

### **Mary E. and Albert H. Huneke Scholarship**

William and Thelma Huneke, Edgar and Sarah Huneke Moore and the families of Marion Huneke, Ester Huneke Larson and Harold Huneke have established this scholarship. Education was important in the Huneke home and many sacrifices allowed the five children to obtain degrees from Northwestern State Teachers College. This scholarship has been established to provide recognition and incentive for outstanding students in the Teacher Education Department. The recipient must be admitted in the teacher education program and be a mathematics, science, library science or elementary education major. Financial need and potential for leadership will be major criteria for selection.

### **Viola Stewart Hofen Scholarship**

This award was established in 1991 by the family of Viola Stewart Hofen. She was the beloved wife of W. H. "Bill" Stewart and later Everett M. Hofen. She graduated from Northwestern in 1961 and earned her master's degree in 1968. She taught school in Freedom and Cleo Springs and was then librarian at Nashville, Cunningham and Anthony, Kansas before retiring. This scholarship is awarded to a Northwestern student who has met the minimum requirements for admission to the Teacher Education Program. First preference will be given to a non-traditional student. Library science or elementary education majors are preferred and the recipient must have at least a 3.0 CGP.

### **Jay Linder Scholarship Fund**

Jay Linder was a graduate of Alva High School, and a freshman at Northwestern at the time of his untimely death. Jay was an outstanding high school athlete and a bright prospect for the Ranger Baseball Team. In addition to his athletic talents, Jay worked equally hard on the development of his scholastic ability and was an active student leader. The award was established by his family and friends to perpetuate his memory. The recipient must be an upperclassman enrolled in the field of Law Enforcement or Teacher Education. Preference will be given to the applicant who participates in varsity athletics and demonstrates leadership in campus organizations.

### **Margaret Manuel Larason Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 1991 in honor of Margaret Manuel Larason by her family: A. R. "Bert" Larason, Anne Larason Schneider and Linda Larason Edmondson. Mrs. Larason was graduated from Northwestern in 1932 with a B. S. in English and Speech. She received her M. S. in 1969. Mrs. Larason taught English in Gage and Fargo and then served as a librarian in the Woodward public schools. The recipient must be a high school graduate from Ellis County or the Woodward public schools and must meet the minimum standards for admission to Northwestern's Teacher Education Program. Also, the recipient must have at least a 2.5 GPA. Preference will be given to students in Language Arts, secondary or elementary.

### **Milt and Becky Lehr Education Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 1986, the year Dr. Lehr retired after 28 years on the Northwestern faculty; 10 years as Director of the Teacher Education program. This award is for a sophomore, junior, or senior student majoring in Elementary Education, English, or Mathematics. The recipient must first have been admitted into the teacher education program based on high scores in scholastic aptitude, reading, and achievement. Lehr performed the research from which the constitution for the Northwestern Foundation originated and was a founding member of the Foundation. He served four years as its first chairman and 28 years on its executive committee.

### **Dr. Marvin and Myra Leist Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2005 to honor Dr. Marvin and Myra Leist. Dr. and Mrs. Leist were lifetime educators. Dr. Leist was a school administrator for approximately 40 years and was named Outstanding Educator at Northwestern in 1985. Myra taught for 32 years before she retired. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to education students who are legacies of Northwestern Oklahoma State University graduates.

### **Dr. J. W. Martin Scholarship**

The Dr. J. W. Martin Scholarship was established in 1987 by his wife, Dr. Wilda Pate Martin. Many friends also made contributions to this fund in memory of Dr. J. W. Martin. Dr. Martin was responsible for the formation of the Northwestern Foundation in 1959. His concern for his students was one of the many fine qualities he possessed. This scholarship is the first of its kind in that the recipient can be in either the undergraduate or graduate program. The recipient can be of any field of study and must possess the eagerness to attain his/her goals.

### **Student Home Economics Association Scholarship**

The SHEA was established in 1987 to provide worthy incentive and encouragement for students in the field of Home Economics. The scholarship was revised in 1995 after the closing of the University's Home Economics Department. The scholarship is now given to a student in Teacher Education and must be a Secondary Education major.

### **The Richard E. and Lou J. Shepherd Scholarship**

This endowment was established in 2001 in honor of Richard E. and Lou J. Shepherd. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student in the school of Teacher Education with a major or minor in biology, chemistry, or mathematics. Richard and Lou both graduated from Northwestern with the class of 1951. Richard Shepherd's career included teaching, superintendent of schools and later the assistant executive director of the Kansas National Education Association as well as the executive director of the National Association of Mature People. Mrs. Shepherd also taught school and enjoyed her career as a homemaker and community volunteer.

### **The Beulah Scott Slack Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2004 in honor of Beulah (Bea) Scott Slack by her son John Slack. Bea spent her entire 35-year career teaching elementary education in the rural schools that dotted the Oklahoma prairie early in the 20th Century, sometimes teaching all eight grades simultaneously. In addition to teaching, she also swept the floor, tended the stove and coached the boy's basketball team. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students majoring in elementary education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

### **Clara and Dean Simon Scholarship**

This endowment was established in 1996 in honor and recognition of Dean and Clara Simon. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a Northwestern Oklahoma State University student majoring in the fields of education or health related fields.

### **Orilla J. Stout Scholarship**

Established in 2007 by Don and Ramona Dauphin in memory of Ramona's mother, Orilla J. Stout, the purpose of this scholarship is to honor a Northwestern-Woodward student dedicated to improving the education system for future students. Stout, who passed away in 1989, earned her teaching certificate at Northwestern Normal School.

### **Dr. Joe J. and Barbara Struckle School of Education Scholarship**

In honor of President and Mrs. Struckle's accomplishments and years of dedicated service to Northwestern, this scholarship was established through the many contributions of family and friends. Dr. Joe J. Struckle retired in 2000 after twenty-five years of service as President of Northwestern. Dr. Struckle's success as President can largely be attributed to the support and encouragement from his lovely first lady, Barbara Ann Struckle. Barbara, along with sons Jay and Jeff, is a graduate of Northwestern. The purpose of this scholarship is to honor students majoring in elementary teacher education with second preference in Psychology. Full time undergraduates as well as graduate students are eligible for this award.

**Noel and Ruth Taylor and E.M. Barker Scholarship**

The Noel and Ruth Taylor and E.M. Barker Scholarship was established in honor of the parents of Jim and Patty Barker for their dedication in the fields of education and mass communication. Patty's father, Noel Taylor, graduated from Northwestern in 1936 and earned a master's degree here in 1959. He served as manager of the Student Center for nearly 20 years, retiring in 1975. Her mother, Ruth Taylor, earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in 1955 and 1965. Jim's father, E.M. Barker, wrote about the Ranger athletic teams for 30 years. In the late '50s, E.M. was awarded a lifetime pass to all Northwestern athletic events from President Percefull and the athletic department.

**Dewey and Irene Webster Family Scholarship**

This endowment was established in 2004 by E. Joan Webster Kopper in memory of her parents. Dewey and Irene Webster made tremendous sacrifices for their children in their pursuit of higher education. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to Northwestern students in the school of education.