

# About Your Scholarship

Scholarship: **A. DON and DOROTHY CARLSON PARR SCHOLARSHIP**



History of the Scholarship:

**A. Donald Parr established this scholarship in 1991 in memory of his first wife, Dorothy Carlson Parr, and her genuine love of children and music. Don passed away in early 2014 from a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He supported a nurturing home and the educational environments that shaped and inspired his three children. An intrepid outdoorsman he loved hikes, skiing, sailing, fishing and backpacking trips and shared these passions with his children and grandchildren, a life-long love of the outdoors and a deep sense of responsibility for the preservation of nature. He quietly influenced the lives of countless other kids through coaching soccer, leading Boy Scouts, and various philanthropic pursuits including Young Life and the University of Oregon.**

*He taught us to focus on the things that are important, not get caught up with status or commercialism. He was dashing but never flashy. His sense of style focused on quality and a sincere point of view. "Keep it simple. If you're going to do it, do it well."* -Daughter, Susan

*He knew life wasn't just a flash in the pan. You needed to give something through your life, to "leave the world better than you found it." He didn't need his name attached to it but he wanted to contribute. - Son, Darin*

*He believed, "as a man thinks, he is." He lived his life with the notion every day to have unconditionally warm regards for all people at all times. He was aware that you create your own reality, interactions and relationships - you're responsible for them. - Son, Jim*

Special Criteria:

- This scholarship will be awarded to junior, senior or 5<sup>th</sup> year students in a teaching program.
- Special consideration will be given to qualified students who have ability and interest to use music and other aesthetic expressions in promoting the development of learning in children and youth.
- Recipients of the award will have proven prior academic success demonstrated by a grade point average of 3.0.
- Preference given to students with demonstrated financial need.
- The award may be used for tuition and fee assistance, registration for seminars and workshops, to purchase specialized publications, and materials needed to support the student's study.