Dr. Paul Otto, Emeriti Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, established this endowed account in the School of Education at USD. The scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Otto’s parents, who were successful Iowa farmers. It has been particularly established to recognize Lillie Otto, who had an intense desire for a high school education, but never the opportunity for attainment.

The scholarship recipient shall be selected by a committee of at least three C & I faculty members, appointed annually by the Chair of the C & I Division, who will receive notification of the amount available for disbursement.

**Scholarship awards will be made based on the following criteria:**

1. Candidates will be enrolled or accepted at USD and meet all requirements of a student in good standing in the Division of Curriculum and Instruction and be officially admitted to the undergraduate teacher education program.

2. Candidates shall be USD students committed to an undergraduate secondary school teaching degree. They shall have a cumulative GPA of no less than 2.60, measured on a four-point scale.

3. Financial need, while not the sole determining factor, should be a major factor in selection of recipient.

4. Each candidate will submit a paper, handwritten in ink and signed, addressing *Why he or she desires to become a teacher, and why he or she has financial need.* (The reason for handwriting: to demonstrate writing without assistance from word processing features, e.g., spell check, grammar check, etc.) The selection committee shall strongly consider the paper, and the individual’s ability to express him or herself in this medium in making its final decision. A copy of the selected candidate’s paper, along with his or her address, should be mailed to the founder or his designee immediately following the selection of the candidate.

During his lifetime and after his death his wife, Kathryn M. Tillo, and his daughters, Michelle L. Otto and Stephanie R. Otto.