Edward S. Allen was born on December 20, 1919, on a farm near Hood River, Oregon. He attended Oregon State University from 1938 to 1941 and majored in Agricultural Engineering. He greatly appreciated the concern that Professor Gilmore had for the Agricultural Engineering Students, and for Professor Gilmore’s offer to financially assist Mr. Allen if he had financial problems.

In March of 1941 Mr. Allen accepted a position with John Deere Plow Company in Portland, OR because it was financially necessary. Mr. Allen worked for John Deere until September of 1942 and then joined the John Deere Battalion as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army and participated in World War II. Mr. Allen returned to civilian life in June of 1946 as a Captain and went to work for CM & WO Sheppard Farm Supply. From June 1946 through December of 1948, he sold sprinkler irrigation supplies for R. M. Wade Manufacturing to Hood River farmers. On January 1, 1949, he joined Scott Aitken Orchards as Manager and worked there until the end of December, 1950. Mr. Allen joined Coulten Motor Company, the Ford-Mercury dealer in Hood River, OR, on January 1, 1951 and in January of 1955, he and Mr. Leonard Hay purchased the dealership from Mr. Coulten and renamed it the Allen Hay Motor Company. Mr. Allen bought out Mr. Hay in October, 1969, and operated the business until January 1, 1984, when he sold the business and retired.

Edward S. Allen Endowment Recipients

2003 Ariana Henning (Grad)
2005 Ian Besaw and John Pennington (both Grads)
2006 Peggy Hill
2006 Suva Shakya
2006 Laura Moscowitz
2006 Laila Parker
2007 David Dickson, Charles Hillyer, Sarah Marshall and Aristides Petrides
2008 Yudith Nieto and Kelly Kibler
2009 Kelly Kibler, Hilary Rogers, Ben Morelli and Chadi Sayde
2010 Nicole Czarnomski, Shoutao Xu, Jason Kelley, Kyle Krawl, Lisa Thompson, Jay Ubben
2011 Mark Luterra, Jason Kelley, Keaton Lesnik, Shoutao Xu, Andy Burke
2012 Adam Callahan, Kara DiFrancesco, Lisa Hall, Patrick Wingo
2013 William Hohenschuh, Cheng Li, Edward Smith, Tessa Hanson
2014 Austin Hall, Allison Marshall, Brian Dougherty, Michael Link, Jacob Tabor, Cheng Li, Jordan Cameron
2015 Alexis Mills, Susan Elliott, Jim Blount, Brian Dougherty, Caitlin Pellerin, Tara Dunn, Julianne Robinson