

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, caring, committed people can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead



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**ALPHA OMICRON #2520
ARIZONA**

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



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Judging Criteria “C”– (100 points)

Weighted evenly to Scholastic Ability.

10 pts – Character

10 pts – Leadership

5 pts – Service

25 pts – Financial Need

50 pts – Scholastic Ability

Special Criteria: Arizona resident with any major attending any school.

Alpha Omicron #2520 – Arizona Endowment was established on May 4, 1995, at the request of the Alpha Omicron Philanthropic Committee member, Rosa Ranck, who later passed away. Many memorials were made in her memory to this scholarship as well as memorials in memory of Judy Argabright and Regina Von Flue who were presidents of Alpha Omicron. The first scholarship was in the amount of \$ 500. The amount has since increased.

(Compiled and written by Glenna Denton)

Alpha Omicron Chapter #2520 of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International is located in Scottsdale and was chartered June 14, 1956 by the Beta Gamma Chapter of Mesa. Alpha Omicron helped to host the International Convention of ESA International four years after their chartering in 1960. Many of their members had key committee responsibilities for this convention.

Fern Mitchell Porter and Lovice Peterson were two of the charter members. Many members have served not only as a chapter president, but also President of the Arizona State Council of ESA. They were: Fern Porter, Lovice Peterson, Shirley Guldán, Evelyn Castas, Jan Reppentine, Grace Mullenix, Judy Argabright, and Sherry Day. Betty

Wilmot was past Oklahoma State President before moving to Arizona and joining Alpha Omicron.

In 1973, Arizona hosted another International Convention. Fern Mitchell Porter was installed as International President and Lovice Peterson served as IC Co-Chairman. Grace Mullenix, served as International President in 1984-85 as a member of Alpha Omega of Yuma, AZ, who later joined the Alpha Omicron Chapter, and served as IC Chairman in 1993. Arlene Schlosser, International Council President in 1969-70 was a member of Alpha Omicron in later years and received the ESA Foundation Dixie Palmer lady Award in 1985.

Member Glenna Denton served the ESA Foundation for a number of years as the Arizona State Counselor promoting all the programs of the Foundation. She was elected for a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the ESA Foundation from 1997 to 2000. She was honored in 2000 with the Dixie Palmer Lady Award for her exemplary service to the ESA Foundation. Glenna is a Life Active Member of the Foundation.

Alpha Omicron Chapter has always been very service oriented. One of their projects was supporting the Scottsdale School for the Blind, at which time some members learned Braille, learned to type in Braille, and purchased a Braille typewriter for the school. One of their famous philanthropic projects was the “Mile of Pennies” which was conducted at Park Central Mall – shoppers contributed a few pennies to help collect a mile (a little over 4800). Chapter members manned the booth and were elated to collect as much as \$ 1,800 one year. Other philanthropic endeavors included the Valley of the Sun School and Habilitation Program, the Salvation Army Angel Tree, the Arthritis Foundation, and the Christmas House.

They support the ESA Foundation scholarship program. The Chapter has supported International Projects of ESA International – St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Easter Seals, the Disaster Fund, the Sunshine Fund, as well as supporting the Arizona State Council Scholarship, the Arlene Schlosser Scholarship.

Alpha Omicron has been very involved with the State Educational Committee and were fortunate enough to win the State Educational Director award several times.

Maintaining an average membership of 22 members despite the death of several beloved members: Ellen Wendell, Shirley Guldán, Arlene Schlosser, Adelyn Shutay, Mary Loza, Leta Weeks, Judy Argabright, Rosa Ranck, and Regina Von Flue. Alpha Omicron chapter is a very busy, active, and loving chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International and a member of the ESA Foundation. They are justifiably proud of all their educational philanthropic accomplishments are are considered leaders in their community and national affiliation.

The ESA Foundation Scholarship program began in 1977. Over 100 scholarships are awarded annually to students across the United States and Internationally who meet the criteria of the individual endowment scholarships.

The Scholarship program operates through volunteer services with the exception of the audit performed by Sample & Bailey CPA, PC, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Applications are reviewed and processed by the State Counselor and a Regional Scholarship Committee, with a final review by the Scholarship Coordinators who submit them for final judging to judges throughout the United States who are selected from education and business professionals, who are not members of the ESA Foundation.