

“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



The ESA Foundation’s “Scholarship Brochure” series honors those who have provided, or are honored by an endowed scholarship. This series provides a link between the student recipients and this prestigious group – who are committed to positive change for the world.

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... Because We Care”***

HAZEL KNAPP

ENDOWMENT



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Judging Criteria “E” – (100 points)
Weighted evenly in all categories
20 pts – Character
20 pts – Leadership
20 pts – Service
20 pts – Financial Need
20 pts – Scholastic Ability

Special Criteria: Oregon resident,
any major

The Hazel Knapp Endowment was established by the Oregon Gavel Auxiliary in 1990. The first scholarship was awarded in 1992.

(Compiled and written by Lynn Hughes)

The Oregon Gavel Auxiliary of Past Oregon State Council Presidents of ESA International honored Hazel Knapp at the 1990 Oregon State Convention in Newport, Oregon. During the surprise presentation, Oregon State Council members attending the convention rose to their feet and expressed their approval. The best part was the expression on Hazel’s face when the announcement was made. When Hazel thanked the assembly there were few dry eyes in the house. The presenter never did finish her speech that ended, “Hazel, we only did this because we love you.”

Hazel Knapp was Oregon’s first State President and served in 1947, 1948, and 1949. She held the position of International Council President in 1953-54.

Hazel has brought honor to the State of Oregon through her love for Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. She has given much time and effort to her chapter, the Oregon State Council, ESA International Council, and the ESA Foundation. In 1983, Hazel was awarded the prestigious Dixie Palmer Lady Award for her dedication to the ESA Foundation. Hazel has served on the ESA Foundation Board of Directors for four, three-year terms – a total of 12 years in an elected position as well as many years serving the Board in many capacities such as state counselor, financial advisor, and parliamentarian. Hazel has been a long-time avid supporter of the ESA Foundation as well as a charter member from 1970.

Hazel Knapp has left her legacy to her ESA sisters and to those who are awarded a scholarship through her endowment.

The members of the Oregon State Council of ESA International have established and/or support many ESA Foundation scholarships for Oregon residents, such as: Alpha Upsilon #1884 Oregon Scholarship, Lynn & Rich Hughes Family Endowment, Oregon State Council Scholarship, LaVerne “Bun” Young Endowment, Hope Baney Memorial Endowment, and the Hazel Knapp Endowment.

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.