

“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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[ESA International is an organization founded in 1929 and is a premier leadership and service organization bringing volunteers together to pursue programs and projects that make a positive difference to the world community. It is dedicated to developing confidence, competence, and career opportunities for the members. ESA promotes education, service, and association through programs focused on personal development and leadership training.]

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LAVERNE “BUN” YOUNG

ENDOWMENT



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Judging Criteria “B” – (100 points)

Weighted to Financial need

10 pts – Character

10 pts – Leadership

05 pts – Service

50 pts – Financial Need

25 pts – Scholastic Ability

Special Criteria: Any student attending Southern Oregon University and Majoring in Teacher Education or Nursing, or Medical Field.

Davis Young established the Laverne “Bun” Young Endowment in memory Of his wife in 2000. The first scholarship was awarded in 2001.

(Compiled and written by Jeannette Rhodes)

Laverne joined ESA in 1959, and was a 40-year member of Alpha Lambda Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. She was a strong supporter of her Chapter as well as many levels of ESA. Laverne enjoyed the education aspect as well as the philanthropic work supported by Epsilon Sigma Alpha International and the ESA Foundation.

Laverne passed away in March, 1998. She and her husband, Davis, had just celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Both Laverne and Davis grew up in Southern Oregon. Their mothers, Alta and Nell, were both teachers. Nell (Davis’ mother) received her teaching degree at Southern Oregon Teacher’s College, which is now Southern Oregon University.

With their interest in education, a scholarship enabling Oregon students who wish to pursue a dream in teaching, nursing, or any medical profession and whose intent was to attend Southern Oregon University was a fitting memorial to Lavern.

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, 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.