

“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”***

**CORA E. & ROYAL L.
SCOTT FAMILY
ENDOWMENT**



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SCOTT FAMILY
ENDOWMENT/SCHOLARSHIP**

Judging Criteria “D” – (100 points)

Weighted to Character, Leadership,
and Service.

25 pts – Character

25 pts – Leadership

20 pts – Service

15 pts – Financial Need

15 pts – Scholastic Ability

Specific Criteria: South Dakota High
School Graduate; Any major,
Any South Dakota college.

Cora E. Scott established the Scott
Family Endowment Scholarship in 1999
to honor her daughter, Luann Ouellette
and grand-daughter Lynn (Ouellette)
Dassow. Luann joined ESA in 1968
and is a past SD State President. Lynn
was the first South Dakota recipient of
an ESA Foundation Scholarship.

Cora (1911-2009) was born in a sod
house on the Tripp County prairie near
Winner and was afflicted with polio at
age 5. As the oldest of five siblings,
whom she helped raise, she was not able
to finish high school and always felt
something was missing from her life.

After Royal’s passing, she endowed
this scholarship (and two others) to
help others fulfill their dream of
higher education.

Royal (1906-1999) grew up in
Vermillion. He obtained a Bachelor’s
Degree in Electrical Engineering and
a Master’s Degree in Mathematics.
He was employed by Westinghouse
and the Soil Conservation Service
prior to starting work with the Army.
He ended his career in 1966 at NASA
in Huntsville, AL. Cora and Royal
then retired to the family home in
Vermillion.

Cora was active in her church and
also enjoyed gardening, sewing,
cooking and baking. In 1978 she was
honored to receive the Vermillion SD
area DIANA award which recognizes
an outstanding non-ESA member. In
1999 Cora proudly announced the
scholarship at the SD Fall Council
Meeting and enjoyed hearing from the
recipients after the first scholarship
was awarded in 2001.

The South Dakota State Council is a long
supporter of the work and scholarship
program of the ESA Foundation. The
Council has established and/or supports
endowments such as:

Dr. Sidney E. Milburn Memorial Scholarship;
MARC Scholarship; Robert and Jan Jones
Endowment; Barbara and Clayton Campbell
Breast Cancer Endowment and the general
scholarships.

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.

