

“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.

The ESA Foundation is a 501(c)3 public foundation established in 1970 and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an organization exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. It is a non-profit and tax-exempt organization pledged to the development of philanthropic activities of volunteers, providing assistance to established programs that serve human needs. The ESA Foundation envisions a future world community working together to assist those in need, educating those who seek to learn, and assisting those who strive to improve the quality of their lives or the lives of others.

[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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STORMY VALLEY

SCHOLARSHIP



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Judging Criteria “E” – (100 points)

Weighted evenly

20 pts – Character

20 pts – Leadership

20 pts – Service

20 pts – Financial Need

20 pts – Scholastic Ability

Special Criteria: Oklahoma Student,
Any major, Any Oklahoma school.

(Compiled and written by Lola Jaegers)

Stormy and Glen Simmons established the Tech-Nur Resources, Inc. Endowment in 1998 for a medical Oklahoma resident with special attention to students working and going to school. Stormy and Glen changed the name to “Stormy Valley Scholarship” to the current criteria listed above after closing Tech-Nur in 2004.

Stormy and Glen Simmons were two very dedicated surgical scrub technicians at Hospitals in the Oklahoma City Metro area.. They started their own scrub tech business in addition to their full-time jobs; this was a very successful venture. They decided to start a scholarship to help give back to the community that was generously supporting them. Stormy quickly suggested the ESA Foundation Scholarship program and their Scholarship was started.

After the birth of their daughter, Olivia, it was difficult to work both jobs, so their Tech-Nur business was closed. However, thanks to the vision of two young people and a generous company staff, the Scholarship lives on in the name of Education.

Stormy comes from a very strong ESA and ESA Foundation background. She is a member of the Theta Tau Chapter of ESA International in Kingfisher, OK with her mother, Cathy Holsted, sister, Misty Blundell, aunts and cousins. Olivia is a DESA, Declan and Glen are MESA’s and are very active in supporting all the ESA and ESA Foundation activities.

Stormy has served as the Oklahoma ESA Foundation State Counselor for two years and has spent six years as Regional Counselor. She has also served as the State Corresponding Secretary and Convention Treasurer.

Glen is from the Oklahoma City area and is a gardener, photographer, artist, and works with Stormy to create beautiful stained glass pieces.

Since the beginning of this scholarship, they have added a son named Declan, who, with his sister Olivia, works very hard to help raise funds and promote all ESA and ESAF projects.

The members of the Oklahoma State Council of ESA International have established and/or supports many ESA

Foundation scholarships for Oklahoma residents, such as: Beta Chi Chapter Scholarship, Hawkins-Tuma Endowment, “Doc” and Cathy Holsted Honorarium Endowment, Joe Jaegers Family Endowment, Jan Matthews Memorial Scholarship, Norma L. Moore Endowment, Oklahoma Council District IV Scholarship, Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment, Oscar & Joyce Whitewing Honorarium, and the Stormy Valley Scholarship.

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.