

“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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MYRE STARR

**HONORARIUM
ENDOWMENT**



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Judging Criteria “A” – (100 points)

Weighted evenly to Financial need
and Scholastic Ability.

10 pts – Character

20 pts – Leadership

10 pts – Service

30 pts – Financial Need

30 pts – Scholastic Ability

Special Criteria: Oklahoma resident,
any major.

(Compiled and written by Lola Jaegers)

The Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment was established by the Oklahoma State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International in July, 1984, and was presented the first time in July, 1994. It was one of the first endowed scholarship established with the ESA Foundation.

The Myre Starr Honorarium Endowment was started in honor of Myre Starr, 1960-1961 ESA International Council President, 1955-1956 Oklahoma State Council President, and a Director of ESA Foundation.

Myre was a charter member of Alpha Delta, Ponca City, Oklahoma in May, 1941; and she chartered Alpha Chi #1755 in Ponca City in 1952 where she was a member until her death. Myre presented the ESA flag to the International Council at the Convention held in

Albuquerque in 1956. Myre painted this flag and continued to paint a flag for every state council. Myre did all of her agendas and presentations in rhyme.

After her formal flag presentation at the opening of the IC Convention at Phoenix, AZ in 1974, using special music by Jim Wood, Jim Maloof (ALSAC) and Ikey Orick, with special lighting, the International Council adopted this method of opening all First General Assemblies of the International Council Conventions of ESA International.

Myre received many honors over the years but two of her favorites were: she was the only woman to be inducted into the famous “Cave Men Society of Oregon,” alias the Oklahoma Outlaw Belle Starr. She was also the first lady to be acclaimed as “The Duchess of Paducah” during the Kentucky ESA State Convention.

Myre was a charter member of the ESA Foundation; she achieved her Golden Founder plateau from the ESA Foundation in 1982. She was awarded the Dixie Palmer Lady Award in 1984 on behalf of the love and unity of the Oklahoma State Council and ESA Sisters.

In 1984, Governor George Nigh of Oklahoma proclaimed April 24, 1984 as “Myre Starr Day” in Oklahoma. Norma Moore made the formal presentation and gave a beautiful tribute.

The members of the Oklahoma State Council of ESA International have established and/or supports many ESA Foundation endowments for Oklahoma residents, such as: Beta Chi Chapter Scholarship, Hawkins-Tuma Memorial Endowment, “Doc” and Cathy Holsted Honorarium, Joe Jaegers Family Endowment, Jane Matthews Memorial Scholarship, Norma L. Moore Endowment, Oklahoma Council District IV Scholarship, Oscar & Joyce Whitewing Honorarium, Stormy Valley Scholarship, and the Myre Starr Honorarium 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.