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Attention: Senior Advisor Counselor

I am writing to your school to introduce and/or remind you of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation's Scholarship Program for your senior students.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) International is a special organization – an organization that is truly defined by the hearts of its members. It is an international leadership and service organization.

The ESA Foundation is the tax-exempt arm of the organization that is dedicated to the promotion of continuing education and to altruistic activities that make a positive difference in the world community. It is a public Foundation.

The ESA Foundation awards numerous scholarships annually. The applications for 2019 – 2020 academic year scholarships will open in Fall 2018. Students can register to be notified when they open. There is a General Honorarium Endowment given to a student submitting their completed application by December 15th.

For further information, please visit the ESA Foundation Web Site:

www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org

Click on 'Scholarship's and follow the information. It will ask for the state. Use the drop down menu to Washington and that link will give you the scholarships available for Washington State residents and include the criteria for each. (A brief listing is enclosed.)

Thank you for your attention to this matter. In May of 2018, over \$12,000.00 was awarded to Washington State Students via this Foundation. The money is there for students and all they need is the information as how and where to apply.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Merrill".

Jean Merrill,
Washington State ESA Foundation Counselor

SCHOLARSHIPS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR WASHINGTON STATE APPLICANTS ARE:
(Make sure you have selected the state of your residence, not where you go to school)

Alice/Jeanne Wagner Endowment	1 @ \$1,4000.00
Arlene/Denis Schlosser Memorial Endowment	2 @ \$11,000.00
Ayers/Gallatin Endowment	1 @ \$850.00
BMW Hope Endowment	1 @ \$700.00
Charline E McCue Memorial Endowment	1 @ \$500.00
Dorothy Hendricks Endowment	1 @ \$500.00
Ellsworth Family Endowment	1 @ \$750.00
Vogler Memorial Teaching Endowment	1 @ \$600.004
ESA Foundation Endowment	2 @ \$1,250.00
General Endowment 2.00	1 @ \$1,000.00
General Endowment 3.00	1 @ \$1,000.00
General Endowment 3.50	2 @ \$1,000.00
Graduate Studies Endowment	1 @ \$7500.00
Helping Hands of WSRC Endowment	1 @ \$900.00
Jeanne Parker Honorarium Endowment	1 @ \$700.00
Joan/Dean Monson Endowment	1 @ \$550.00
LaVerne Young Endowment	1 @ \$1,000.00
Lois Carter Memorial Teaching Endowment	1 @ \$500.00
MARC Purple Heart Endowment	1 @ \$800.00
Margaret "Peggy" Rader Memorial Endowment	2 @ \$4,500.00
Marge Hamrick Memorial Endowment	1 @ \$600.00
Martha/Jim Beshears Endowment	1 @ \$500.00
Mary Louise Smith Endowment	4 @ \$3,500.00
Maxine Wirth Graduate Studies Endowment	1 @ \$1,500.00
McConnel Family Endowment	1 @ \$3,700.00
Omicron – Tacoma WA Endowment	1 @ \$650.00
Phyllis Shoemaker Memorial Endowment	1 @ \$600.00
Rosagene Huggins Memorial Endowment	1 @ \$600.00
Ruth Gregg Memorial Endowment	1 @ \$700.00
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Cancer Survivor	1 @ \$550.00
Washington State Endowment	1 @ \$600.00
Worda Russell Memorial Endowment	1 @ \$800.00

Tips for Scholarship Applications

The ESA Foundation Scholarship applications are received via a 100% on-line process.

<http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants>

ESA Foundation scholarships are awarded based on individual scholarship criteria. For example, some scholarships have requirements for GPA and/or field of study. While the website filters applications based on selections made, it is important to review the specific criteria for each scholarship prior to applying. Personal letters should be written with these criteria in mind, as scholarship judges will be reviewing these items.

Quick Tips:

- Apply early – volunteers try to screen the applications for required information (transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) as they arrive and will send feedback to the applicant if the information is incomplete. Unfortunately, in the 2 weeks prior to the deadline, too many applications are received to pre-screen.
- Request school transcripts and letters of recommendation early – schools cannot provide transcripts on the weekend or a holiday. Give schools time to prepare them and FOLLOW UP to ensure the transcript is provided.
- Provide current transcript – The transcript needs to include the school name and the GPA.
- Ensure Letters of Recommendation are current and preferably signed. Letters of Recommendation should NOT be from a family member.
- Check your GPA – Some scholarships are for average students. Be sure you apply for those in your GPA range. Remember, if the scholarship's criteria are weighted heavily for academics, those with higher GPAs will score higher. Not all scholarships are weighted highest for academics. Be sure to check the GPA listed on your transcript and list that GPA on your profile information. If the GPA listed on the profile is different than that on the transcript, your application may be disqualified due to not meeting the scholarship criteria.
- Write personal essay to explain how you meet the scholarship requirements – If the scholarship is related to a specific major; speak to your planned major if it is related to financial need, then speak to that need. No matter what the specific requirements are, be sure to address any service / leadership you have participated in / accomplished currently or in the recent past. This may be the deciding factor if Financial Need / Scholastic Ability are equal.
- Double check scholarship requirements before applying – Before submitting your application for a scholarship, review the criteria to be sure you meet the minimum (or maximum) requirements.

Note: You will not be able to submit payment for the scholarship application fee until all the documents have been attached. This does not mean that these documents are complete. It is your responsibility to ensure the current transcript is attached.

FINAL NOTE: After you have completed the profile information, and transcript / letters of recommendations are uploaded and the personal letter written....you must then select the specific scholarships you want to apply for and pay the \$5 processing fee for each scholarship you apply for. Questions? Contact the Scholarship Chairman. Her contact information is located: <http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants> under "Have questions?"