

“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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MARTHA STICKLAND

SCHOLARSHIP 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: Florida woman resident to receive training due to downsizing or to re-enter the work force.

Epsilon Lambda Chapter #3440 of ESA International in Cocoa Beach, Florida established the Martha Stickland Scholarship Endowment on June 20, 1996.

(Compiled and written by Betty Sanders)

Martha Stickland is the remaining charter member of Epsilon Lambda Chapter of ESA International which was chartered in March, 1966. She has held all offices of Epsilon Lambda Chapter as well as in the Missile Area Council.

In 1989, The Missile Area Council nominated and presented Martha with the prestigious Dixie Palmer Lady Award of the ESA Foundation. Epsilon Lambda honored her in 1996 by starting a scholarship in her name. When asked who she wanted to receive the scholarship, she said she wanted it to be for women, who had to re-educate themselves in the job market due to a change in or need of employment. In 1944, Martha faced not only divorce, but also finding a way to support herself and her two small sons so she understands how hard and sometimes frightening that can be. In 1959, she married Bob Stickland and in 1966 she acquired an additional family by joining Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. She opens her heart and home to her ESA sisters just because they are her sisters and she has earned their love and respect. Martha Stickland is the foundation of Epsilon lambda Chapter and is honored by this endowment.

The Florida State Council State project is their scholarship endowments through the ESA Foundation. The Council has established and/or supports many endowments, such as:

Zeta Jones Haldin Memorial Scholarship; Frances Shugart Endowed Scholarship; Martha Stickland Scholarship Endowment; Betty Sanders Scholarship Endowment; Rosemary Stormant Memorial Scholarship; and the Juanita Carter Adams / Florida State Council Endowment.

The Florida State Council has been a long-time supporter of the ESA Foundation and its work.

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.