

Lamplighter Memorial Endowment (Kansas)

The **Lamplighter Memorial Endowment (Kansas)** was established by the Kansas State Council of ESA International in 1999. The specific criterion is for a Kansas resident attending any school. The first scholarship was awarded in 2003.

Judging Criteria B: This scholarship is weighted to Financial Need: Scoring 100 points, the distribution is 10 points for Character, 10 points for Leadership, 5 points for Service, 50 points for Financial need, and 25 points Scholastic Ability.

The Lamplighter Memorial Endowment was established as a memorial for Kansas sisters who passed away. This seemed a fitting way to honor the memory of many sisters who have contributed so much to Epsilon Sigma Alpha International and the ESA Foundation membership in Kansas.

The Lamplighters are the past presidents of the Kansas State Council of ESA International. The year this memorial endowment was established a beloved Lamplighter, Florence Ellis, passed away. Florence was suffering from cancer and before her death designated the Lamplighter Memorial Endowment as her choice for memorials. As a result, almost \$2000 was donated the first year. Florence Ellis was a shining example of what our association with ESA International creates in outstanding leadership in women and the gift of human kindness and grace.

The Kansas sisterhood hopes that this endowment, along with the other Kansas endowments, will continue to support those who seek to further their education goals. Through this kind of assistance we feel we can seek a new and better hope for tomorrow.

The friends and members of the Kansas State Council of ESA International have established and/or support several ESA Foundation endowments for students. Endowments established by Kansas members are: **Kansas State Council Endowment, Lamplighter Memorial Endowment – Kansas, Epsilon Eta/Linda Cronin Memorial Endowment, and the Jack & Lucille Crossno Memorial Endowment.**

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