

RUTH GREGG MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

The **Ruth Gregg Memorial Endowment** was established from funds donated to the ESA Foundation by the estate of Ruth Gregg in 1999 to be administered by the ESA Foundation Board of Directors per Ruth Gregg's bequest of \$35,000 plus to the ESA Foundation Scholarship Fund. The first scholarship was awarded in 2001. The endowment was set up as a general scholarship to go to any student, any state, with any major. The first scholarship was awarded in 2001.

Judging Criteria A: This scholarship is weighted evenly to Financial Need and Scholastic Ability: Scoring 100 points, the distribution is 10 points for Character, 20 points for Leadership, 10 points for Service, 30 points for Financial Need and 30 points for Scholastic Ability.

Ruth Gregg was a former member of Epsilon (Hollywood, California) and Eta Kappa (Torrance, California) of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. She was a member of Eta Kappa until she fell quite ill. Ruth Gregg was a dear friend to many and a long time supporter of the ESA Foundation. As a lover of the arts, Ruth enjoyed going to the Downey Civic Light Opera. Her friend and benefactor, Judie Cheesebrough remembers many wonderful hours spent with her and her children during a lifetime friendship and the final year of her life. Ruth adored Judie's children and they always went down to help her when she needed something especially when she became so ill. Ruth was very generous to her benefactors, which included the Kiwanis Scholarship, a couple of schools in Hollywood with scholarships, a very large donation to the Civic Light Opera actors training organization, and the ESA Foundation. This endowment was established to honor the memory Ruth Gregg's life. Judie Cheesebrough and the California State Council assisted the ESA Foundation with the established criteria for the endowment.

The friends and members of the California State Council of ESA International have established and/or support many ESA Foundation endowments for students. Endowments established by California members are: **The Ellsworth Family Endowment, Wallace & Margaret Shaw Memorial Endowment, McConnel Family Scholarship, California State Council Past President's Auxiliary Endowments, Ruth Gregg Memorial Endowment, and California Em Bullock Memorial Endowment.**

(ESA International is a Women's organization founded in 1929. Epsilon Sigma Alpha International (ESA) is a premier leadership and service organization that brings volunteers together to pursue programs and projects that make a positive difference locally, nationally and internationally. It is dedicated to developing confidence, competence, and career opportunity for each and every member; ESA promotes education, service, and association through programs that focus on personal development and leadership training. 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 develop philanthropic activities of volunteers, provide assistance to established programs that serve human need, and produce new programs that improve the quality of life. A major source of the ESA Foundation's membership comes from the ESA membership but anyone can join.)