<center>**Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) Foundation Scholarships**</center>

This is a non-profit organization and its major emphasis is of being 'service to others'.   Applications are online and can be applied for by following the directions listed below - "How to Apply" or by reviewing the Foundation website www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarship - It is very important that the process is followed since many applications that were received last year were rejected due to incorrect submission.

Deadline is - **FEBRUARY 1, 2014: 11PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME.**
NOTE: EducationQuest has investigated this organization and says it is legitimate and the $5 processing fee is "legal and is nominal and normal for processing and mailing charges."

About the ESA Foundation

Mission statement: The Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation is dedicated to the promotion of continuing education and to altruistic activities that make a positive difference in the world community. Voluntary contributions of time and money from ESA members, ESA Foundation members, and friends of the Foundation are the ESA Foundation's sole sources of support. As a nonprofit, tax exempt corporation, the ESA Foundation supports the service and leadership programs and the philanthropic projects of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. The ESA Foundation's major emphasis is service to others, which is illustrated in its motto: Serving the World Community...Because We Care.

The ESA Foundation awards numerous scholarships annually; this is the process for applying.

Browse scholarships - From the main scholarship page, start by selecting the state of your residence, not where you go to school. Click "Search scholarships" to view the full list of opportunities for the 2014-15 academic years.

Create a scholarship account – Once you have identified some potential scholarships, click "Apply now" to access our online scholarship application system. We'll collect your contact, financial, and academic profile information to customize your scholarship search and speed your online submission.

Submitting an application - Scholarship applications are submitted online through the automated system and the information collected will be passed along to the scholarship director.

After submission - When the application has been determined to meet the Foundation's criteria, it is forwarded to Scholarship Coordinator who checks to see that the applicant meets the necessary criteria. The application is then sent for judging of the particular scholarship for which the student is applying.

Scholarship guidelines

If you have any questions, please contact the ESA Foundation scholarship chairman or ESA Foundation chairman. Do not contact ESA headquarters because the staff there cannot answer scholarship application questions.

All scholarships shall collectively be known as ESA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS. Applicant must designate, by name, the scholarship for which he / she is applying.

Per the Internal Revenue Service, Publication 520, a qualified scholarship is an amount received as a scholarship and may be used according to the condition of the scholarship for:

§ Tuition and fees required to enroll in, or to attend, an educational institution, OR

§ Fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the courses of instruction at the educational institution.

Application must be submitted online at the Foundation website www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarship

<u>Applicant must be one of the following:</u>

A senior high school student who will be an incoming college freshman student with a minimum non-weighted cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, OR a minimum score of ACT 22 OR SAT [verbal / critical reading and math] 1030 OR GPA designated by specific endowment;

A College student presently enrolled in an accredited college / university who has maintained a "B" average [3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale] during his / her college career OR GPA designated by specific scholarship;

A College student applying for graduate scholarship must have GPA of 3.50 on 4.00 scale or higher and enrolled in a US accredited college / university;

A student returning to accredited college / university after period of absence from school must have at least a GPA of 3.00 on 4.00 scale;

Enrolled for training in a technical school or any person returning to school after an absence to retrain job skills or obtain a degree. [Post secondary students at any educational level];

Enrolled in an online course through an Accredited College / University / Vocational school or an accredited program by an accredited agency to be eligible for online tuition credit.

<u>Application Process:</u>

Create an account

Enter email and create password

Complete profile information

Complete financial information

Complete academic information

Obtain SIGNED transcript. A stamped signature is acceptable, but a signature is ABSOLUTELY required. Transcripts without a signature cannot be accepted and applications without signed transcript will not be considered.

Scan / upload by sending school / applicant SIGNED TRANSCRIPT into academic information. In addition to the signature, the transcript must include:

- § Current GPA score

- § An explanation of the school's grading system (example: "3.25 on a 4.00 scale")

- § SAT / ACT documentation (may be included on transcript or on separate document.)

    Scan / upload by recommender or applicant TWO (2) letters of recommendation

    Scan / upload by applicant a personal essay indicating career plans, reasons you are applying for the scholarship, why you should be chosen and any additional information about yourself that is not on the application form.

    Determine scholarships that best fit your needs and place in cart.

Submit Application as follows:

- Submit online completed application with personal essay, 2 letters of recommendation, SIGNED OFFICIAL transcript and credit card payment of $5 for each scholarship placed in cart.

- Complete credit card information as prompted.

- Must be submitted NO later than FEBRUARY 1: 11PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME

General Reasons for Disqualification:

- Applicant does not meet the requirements indicated (incomplete applications, required items missing) or the criteria of the scholarship(s) for which they are applying.

- Transcript is not SIGNED (a transcript that is marked "official" but is not SIGNED cannot be considered, stamped signatures are acceptable).

- Does not meet the February 1: 11PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME submission deadline for completed applications.

Criteria for Selection

- Leadership / Service / Financial Need / Scholastic Ability

- Special Criteria - set by donor (see individual scholarship criteria for details).

General Information

- Scholarships must be applied for on an annual basis.

- There is no limit on the number of years a person may apply.

- No special consideration will be given to previous winners.

- Recipients of the scholarships shall be chosen annually.

- ESA Foundation Board of Directors or committees are not allowed to suggest and / or recommend any particular scholarship to any student.

- Availability of scholarship monies will be published through the ESA Foundation and on the website.

- Winners of an ESA Foundation Scholarship will be notified by June 15.

- Scholarship winners will be published in the ESA Foundation's newsletters and on the web site after judging has been finalized and winners personally notified.

- The award will be made payable to the college / university of choice and the recipient.

- The college / university will require the student's signature to process the check.

- The scholarship check will be mailed during August directly to the college / university indicated on the applicant's confirmed information.

- If the college / university of original choice is changed, the winner must notify the Scholarship Chairman before checks are issued.

- A bank cancellation service charge will be deducted from the award check if notification of school change is received after the checks are issued.

- EXTRA BOOST AWARD

- One (1) winner of an ESA Foundation Scholarship will be awarded an "extra $1000" at the discretion of the ESA Foundation as funds permit.

- EARLY BIRD AWARD

- Any completed application / accompanying documents submitted by December 15, and approved for judging will be eligible for a drawing to be awarded a $1000 Early Bird Scholarship as funds permit.