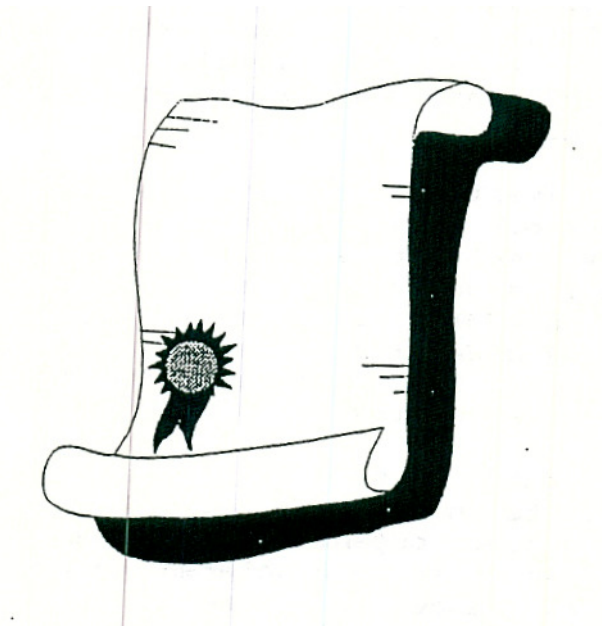


A Light Unto Their Path

**A History of the North Carolina State Council of Epsilon
Sigma Alpha Scholarship Program**



LIGHT UNTO THEIR PATH

History Prior to 1992

Throughout the centuries, since the beginning of recorded time, a portion of our people has been denied the opportunity of learning. Theirs has been an existence in the permanent twilight state of life, living out their life at an underdeveloped emotional and mental level. In most instances, they were pushed back into darkness and never given an opportunity to SEE THE LIGHT.

With the advance of the Twentieth Century however, the world has become more fully aware of this portion of our population and their potential. An enlightened public has become more interested in the well-being of the mentally retarded and handicapped children and adults, and is seeking avenues to help them find a more useful and beneficial way of life. At last, the first of many lamps has been lighted to show these children a way to a better, richer and fuller life

The North Carolina State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International lit their torch on April 21, 1956 and this glow illuminated the paths for other organizations to follow. When the State Council voted to establish a Scholarship Fund for teachers of retarded and/or handicapped children, it was the first statewide organization to do so. This was to be known as the North Carolina State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Scholarship Fund.

The idea for the Scholarship Fund was first suggested by a Special Education teacher, Dorothy Wilson, a charter member of Beta Alpha Chapter of ESA in Leaksville, North Carolina. Being in this field of teaching, Dorothy was fully aware of the tremendous need for qualified teachers to work with children in this category. She held high her light and in an eloquent manner, helped the Council to see how it could light the paths of learning for the mentally retarded and/or handicapped children in North Carolina.

Wilhelmina Herbin, past Scholarship Board Chair presented the State Council with a traveling trophy to be awarded each year to the Chapter that did the most outstanding work for the Scholarship Fund and that devoted the greatest time and service in helping and working with these exceptional children. The award becomes the permanent property the Chapter winning it three (3) consecutive years.

The Scholarship Fund is supported entirely by contributions from the Chapters within North Carolina. Any administrative expenses for the Scholarship Board are paid out of the interest earned. By the 1973 State Convention, the Scholarship Fund reached \$10,000.00. A savings certificate was established so that the interest from the certificate would be added to the contributions, making more money available for scholarships. Realizing this, the State Council voted to offer scholarship help to undergraduates majoring in special education and who plan to work in North Carolina after graduation.

The Scholarship Board membership shall consist of a minimum of ten (10) members as voted by the North Carolina State Council in 1978. This Board meets prior to all North Carolina State Council meetings and conducts its own business meetings. The Board has endeavored to set guidelines for the future Board members to follow by maintaining better lines of communication between the Board, the State Council and the Chapters, and to enlighten the entire ESA membership about the activities of the Board and the details concerning the finances of the Scholarship Board.

The Board's members include a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at least six (6) alternate members. The term of each elected Board member is three years. Vacancies occur from year to year as a member's term expires. Each member is elected by the entire membership of ESA in North Carolina and her goal should be to eagerly await the challenges of her term in office.

The interest and enthusiasm shown by the ESA membership had encouraged the Board. Every chapter in North Carolina at one time or another has contributed to the Scholarship Fund, demonstrating the concern for the future of these exceptional persons.

There are an estimated 140,000 mentally retarded children and adults in North Carolina alone. Nine out of ten of these children can be educated in the basic skills of reading, writing, etc. through training in the Special Education classes of our schools. Adult can be gainfully employed in unskilled and semi-skilled work. But, in order to receive this training, there must be qualified teachers, trained in this very special field of endeavor. This is the goal of the Scholarship Board.

Therefore, in 1969-1970, the Board established the "I Am A Scholar" program. This award is presented to those members throughout the State who personally contribute ten dollars to the Scholarship Fund for the purpose of helping the Board strive to fulfill its many goals. The Board hopes that this will encourage each member of ESA in our state to contribute to this Fund. The first recipient of the "I Am A Scholar" award was Dell Johnson, one of the Past State Presidents. Many others have contributed. The Board sincerely hopes that there will be many more "scholars" in the future. We appreciate the support our North Carolina ESA Sisters.

A Light Unto Their Path is our goal. We can remove the stumbling blocks along the highway of life so that those minds that have in centuries past been encased in darkness, can be freed to seek the light of knowledge. It is true that exceptional persons cannot always achieve greatness in intellect, but helping them to become useful citizens of our world with a place in the brightness of life, is the first step.

Won't you continue to HOLD YOUR LIGHT HIGH that those wonderful exceptional persons can see THE GLOW OF YOUR LOVE AND CONCERN for them?

ADDENDUM

At the request of Chairman, Dell Johnson, I have searched the Scholarship Board minutes that were available and found interesting facts and figures for the history of our Fund. This addendum was authored in 1991-1992.

When the Fund was first started, it was managed by the Executive Board of the North Carolina Council of ESA. A Chairman was appointed by the State President and a member of the State Council Board. The monetary donations received were disbursed as scholarships. A minimum scholarship amount was established and expenses were funded out of the State Council treasury. Scholarship recipients were selected during the Executive Board meeting of the Annual Convention held on Saturday morning. The scholarships were announced during the Saturday evening affair. In 1965, this was changed. It was felt that this part of the Council should be an entity to itself. A goal \$410,000.00 was set as the Scholarship Fund investment. However, the money received into the Fund supported little more than the minimum for scholarship awards therefore only a small amount was being invested at that time.

Wilhelmina Herbin was the first Chairman in 1965 under the new organization. I could not find anything on the Chairmen prior to this date. To encourage more donations and interest, Wilhelmina instituted a silver bowl traveling trophy to be given to the chapter showing the most interest and energy towards the Fund. The Eden Chapter, Beta Alpha was the first winner. Guidelines for future judging were established in November 1965.

The Beta Alpha chapter was awarded the traveling trophy for the following two years and retained the bowl as established by the guidelines. The guidelines stated that any chapter awarded the trophy for three consecutive would keep the silver bowl and another would be purchased from the scholarship funds.

By virtue of being chairman, Wilhelmina accepted contributions and issued checks. The first bank account was set up at First Union Bank in Greensboro. A general ledger was started and records kept for the first time. The fund was beginning to grow.

A bit of humor here...Wilhelmina set up the books as a bank would. That is, deposits were credits and checks written were debits. Mildred Neese was the second treasurer and book keeping was her profession. She recorded deposits as debits and checks as credits. So the first few pages of the ledger look odd to a novice. The figures were correct regardless.

Since Mildred lived in Burlington, the savings account was transferred to the First Federal Savings & Loan Bank and the checking account set up at North Carolina National Bank. First Federal Savings & Loan became a full bank and changed their name to Financial First Bank. In the subsequent years, the Board's treasurers consequently resided in Burlington. Therefore the bank accounts remained in Burlington. Subsequent Board treasurers were Peggy Rainey, Juanita Baucom, Nancy (Thomas) Parrish, Sarah Bowes and Lola Meeler. The money from contributions was deposited into a pass book savings account. Once a year, funds were transferred to a checking account to cover scholarships and expenses. When NCNB decided they could no longer supply us with a free checking, Lola Meeler was responsible for securing an interest bearing checking account at Financial First.

In 1965, the fund officially became the North Carolina Scholarship Fund and Board members were elected by the Council. This first five member Board included Lucille Cherry, Chairman; Anna Wright, Vice-Chairman; Shirley Taylor, Secretary; Juanita Baucom, Treasurer and Francis Cassick. Official scholarship judging rules were adopted in November 1965.

In 1968, Pat McCarn was appointed to replace Chairman Virginia Nieland, who moved to Germany. As Chairman, Pat introduced the "I Am A Scholar" program, intended to encourage members to donate. This

program provided the opportunity for an individual member to personally donate, in addition to supporting specific fundraising projects for the fund. "I Am A Scholar" awards were given the first time in the year 1969-1970 with Dell Johnson receiving the first award.

During the years 1970- 1984, the Board rocked along. There were no copies of minutes in the Treasurer files nor the President's files. Beginning in 1972, it was decided to give scholarships to students as well as teachers.

In 1985, the Board added new levels of recognition to the awards system. Second and third place winners receive either a ribbon or certificate at Convention. Student applications were revised to include total income of parents and teacher applications were to include combined income if married. The Board voted to transfer a portion of funds from savings to a CD in order to earn more interest. The three accounts were being managed as follows: all contributions deposited into the savings account, interest from the CD reinvested into itself, disbursements and expenses administered through the checking account.

1986 Dot Wilson began a search for the Scholarship scrapbook which had been misplaced. A questionnaire was composed and sent to applicants requesting feedback on scholarships. This was to be done yearly. Very little results have been received from the questionnaire. The Board voted to accept applications from graduate students. These applicants will be judged after all under graduates and teacher applicants.

1987 changes were made in Awards Form - 1. One point - For each hour of work in conjunction with fund raising projects when entire proceeds go the Fund. 2. Three points - For attendance at Scholarship Board meetings, at each Council meeting and the last Convention by a member of the Scholarship Board. 3. 25 points - For each chapter with 100% participation in the "I Am A Scholar" program and 1 point for each member that contributes to "I Am A Scholar".

At the first meeting of the Board, Mildred Neese suggested to the Board that the base CD amount be increased from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 since interest rates were so low. The Board recommended that "I Am A Scholar" donations be added to the CD and all other money receipts to cover scholarships and expenses. The membership voted and passed this recommendation. Mildred Neese, Scholarship Chair received a challenge from a single member whereby she would match all "I Am A Scholar" donations as long as the money be invested into the CD. This was accepted by the membership. The CD grew to \$800.00 in that year.

In 1988, a mystery chapter issued a \$1,000.00 matching challenge to the membership. The chapter agreed to match \$1,000.00 in "I Am A Scholar" donations with the stipulation that these funds be added to the CD. The membership accepted this challenge and over three years the CD increased to over \$20,000.00. Permission was given to release the name of the anonymous member and the chapter. Dot Wilson, initiated the challenge in the first year and her chapter, Beta Alpha continued the challenged over the next three years. The Beta Alpha chapter members were Dot Wilson, Janet Mauney, and Bobby Blakey. The state is much indebted to this chapter for adding approximately \$4,000.00 being to the CD. These members were very unselfish in that they did not enter any competition for the scholarship award. The challenge years included 1987- 1991.

1988 Dell Johnson clarified a point that was not in bylaws. Interest income was intended for teacher scholarships while "I Am A Scholar" contribution was intended for student scholarships. In 1990, the Board voted to use interest and contributions as needed to award scholarships in accordance with applications received. In 1992, the Board awarded \$3,500.00 in student scholarships. For the first time since 1956, no teacher scholarships were received.

1988-1991 emphasis was on increasing the CD yet continuing to award scholarships. The Board is to be commended on doing both.

2007 A scholarship web page was added to the North Carolina ESA website. http://www.esa-nc.org/scholar_board.php

Both student and teacher applications were digitized and made available for download from the web page. Twenty-one college financial aid directors were solicited to include the NC ESA scholarship link on the school's financial aid web pages. Nine colleges have included our link or information and eleven more are being actively pursued. The College Foundation of North Carolina has also included our link.

The Scholarship Board engaged in a laddering strategy for the three CDs held for the Fund. The intent is to utilize a longer term instrument and arrange for the CDs to mature on a rolling schedule. This will hopefully net more interest for the annual scholarship awards and allow flexibility.

COUNT	YEAR	RECIPIENT	CITY/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	AWARD AMOUNT
1	1957	Mrs. Kenneth Clem	Burlington	150.00
2	1958	Mrs. Dorothy Wilson	Leaksville	75.00
3			Leaksville	75.00
4	1959	Mrs. Johnson.	New Bern	100.00
5		Mr. Kimberly	Western North Carolina	100.00
6	1960	Mrs. Julia C. Greene	Winston-Salem	150.00
7		Mrs. Jane B. Armstrong	Bladenboro	150.00
8	1961	Virginia Obershain		100.00
9		Gilbert Ragland		100.00
10	1962	Lota B. Schmickel	Durham	100.00
11		Annette F. Brockwell	Fayetteville	100.00
12	1963	Juliet Tuck	Greensboro	100.00
13		Sally James	Winston-Salem	100.00
14		Delories Washington	Durham	100.00
15		Fay Thornton Young	Winston-Salem	100.00
16	1964	Harriet O'Neal	Durham	100.00
17		David L. Phipps	Winston-Salem	100.00
18	1965	Mrs. Lula Durham Charles	Leaksville	150.00
19		Mrs. Anne D. Walker	Wilmington	150.00
20	1966	Betty Cope	Haywood County	150.00
21		Carolyn Joyce	Leaksville	100.00
22		James H. Home	Burlington	100.00
23	1967	Alma Frost	Leaksville	100.00
24		Anne Wilson	Winston-Salem	100.00
25		Elnora Agee	Leaksville	100.00
26		Carolyn Joyce	Leaksville	50.00
27		Mary Pegram	Fayetteville	50.00
28	1968	Edna Gordon	Brevard	100.00
29		Iva McCrea	Durham	100.00
30		Ruth Gammons	Stoneville	50.00
31		Arlene Richard	Burlington	50.00
32		Robert Jordan	Winston-Salem	50.00
33		Cynthia Elkin	Charlotte	50.00
34	1969	Barbara Barnes	Burlington	100.00
35		Barbara W. Pope	Fayetteville	100.00
36	1970	Evelyn Taylor	Durham	100.00
37		Francis Garvin	Burlington	100.00
38		Michael Jefferies	Eden	100.00
39	1971	Michael Jefferies	Eden	100.00
40		Frances Cassick	Greenville	100.00
41		Elizabeth Steele	Durham	100.00
42		Eva Alice Foster	Eden	100.00
43	1972	Julia Thomas	Brevard	100.00
44		Josephine Monroe	High Point	100.00
45		Joey L. Smith	Burlington	100.00
46		Carl D. Avery	Durham	100.00
47		Sami Lynn Ousley	Eden	100.00
		PAGE TOTAL		4,650.00

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48	1973	Ruth Leeper	Eden	100.00
49		Lillian Downing	Raleigh	100.00
50		Ann Wooten	Greenville	100.00
51		Betty Lee Portman	Brevard	100.00
52		Ellie Rice	Greenville	100.00
53	1974	Betty Bratton		100.00
54		Nathaniel Fuller		200.00
55		Annette Hash		200.00
56		Charma Pickett		100.00
57		Martha H. Moore		400.00
58		Cheryl Sutts		300.00
59		Jamie Williamson		300.00
60		Geraldine Gregg		200.00
61		Kathryn Wickliffe		300.00
62		Henry Brockenbrogh		200.00
63	1975	Carolyn Side		200.00
64		Shirley Byrd		100.00
65		Mildred Dodson		300.00
66		Frances Ballue		100.00
67		Elizabeth Wholly		100.00
68		Gregory Baldwin		150.00
69		Dot Wilson		150.00
70		Lethia Flowers		100.00
71		David Ryne	East Carolina University	400.00
72		Max Thompson	East Carolina University	400.00
73		Carol McNeill	Appalachian State University	200.00
74		Diane Mulls	Lenoir-Rhyne University	200.00
75		Judy Leonard	UNC CH	250.00
76		Cheryle Ann Hamlett	Western Carolina University	350.00
		PAGE TOTAL		5,800.00

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77	1976	Evelyn Buckner		100.00
78		Cynthia Byrd		100.00
79		Dianne Robinson		100.00
80		Annie Sturdivant		100.00
81		Debbie Farmer		100.00
82		Bernard Young		100.00
83		Sami Hunt		100.00
84		Betty Byrum		100.00
85		Frances Ballard		100.00
86		Elizabeth Wholly		100.00
87		Linda Brendle		100.00
88		Peggy Levergood		100.00
89		Carolyn Joyce		100.00
90		Elnora Agee		200.00
91		Edith Deal		100.00
92		Susan Lois		150.00
93		Kathy Combs		200.00
94		Julia Spear	Lenoir-Rhyne University	400.00
95		Susan Holt		200.00
96		May Borden		200.00
97		Marlano Clodfelts	Greensboro College	200.00
98		Margaret Harrelson	Western Carolina University	200.00
99		Edwin Cline		200.00
100	1977	Terry Hopkins	NC Central	150.00
101		Delphian Erwin	Sacred Heart University CT	150.00
102		Mary Porter	Lenoir-Rhyne University	150.00
103		Ruth Leeper	Mclven School	150.00
104		Anne Quinn		200.00
105		Laurin Fogleman	Appalachian State University.	500.00
106		Joe Hagler	Greensboro College	200.00
107		Marlana Clodfelter	Greensboro College	800.00
108	1978	Barbara Doste		200.00
109		Yvonne Geis		200.00
110		Debrah Young		150.00
111		Linda Margoler		200.00
112		Daphine Erwin		200.00
113		Jeann Tucker	Greensboro College	450.00
114		Christine Stone	East Carolina University	150.00
115		Wanda Hill	East Carolina University	400.00
116		Doris Frazier	East Carolina University	350.00
117		Sherri Smith	Greensboro College	550.00
118		Vincentia Lipscomb	Bennett College	400.00
119		Jean Garner	Greensboro College	150.00
120		Marion Legan	Lenoir-Rhyne University	250.00
121		Christine Stone	Appalachian State University	150.00
122		Deborah Young		150.00
		PAGE TOTAL		9,600.00

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123	1979	William Parson		200.00
124		Arther Cline		200.00
125		Cherry Adams		200.00
126		Judy Kennis		100.00
127		Lura Southern		50.00
128		Carolyn Thompson		200.00
129		Bernie Young		200.00
130		Barbara Docter		200.00
131		Sue Whitley		150.00
132		Lisa Howard	Appalachian State University	450.00
133		Susan King	Lenoir-Rhyne University	450.00
134		Harriett Phillips	Appalachian State University	700.00
135		Cindy McCaflom	Greensboro College	450.00
136		Rebecca Gribble	Greensboro College	300.00
137		Betty Guest	Greensboro College	300.00
138	1980	Robin Edward		125.00
139		Ann Parker		150.00
140		Cheryl Adams		150.00
141		Sandra Sandeford		100.00
142		Bernard Young		100.00
143		Ann Clark	East Carolina University	500.00
144		Kathy Bass	East Carolina University	300.00
145		Nancy Jones	East Carolina University	100.00
146		Perry Blackard	East Carolina University	500.00
147		Sarah Benbow	East Carolina University	250.00
148		Mary Clea	East Carolina University	100.00
149		Susan King	Lenoir-Rhyne University	400.00
150		Deborah Jackson	Lenoir-Rhyne University	500.00
151		Cindy Winslow	Greensboro College	150.00
152		Ann White	Greensboro College	500.00
153		Ola Sims	Bennett College	100.00
154		Laura Southan		50.00
155	1981	Sheryle Adams		500.00
156		Pam Robinson		125.00
157		Catherine Aldridge		150.00
158		Francis Clark	East Carolina University	200.00
159		Kimberly Herman	Appalachian State University	200.00
160		Rhonda Whiteside	Appalachian State University	200.00
161		Nancy Gibbs	Appalachian State University	200.00
162		Kay Reid	Appalachian State University	350.00
163		Kathy Bass	East Carolina University	350.00
164		Margaret Priddy	East Carolina University	200.00
165		Linda J. Odier	Western Carolina University	200.00
166		Tammy Honeycutt	Western Carolina University	250.00
167		Donna Kersey	Western Carolina University	250.00
168		Sarah Benbow	Western Carolina University	350.00
169		Karen Westall	Western Carolina University	250.00
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170	1982	Katrina Hipps	Western Carolina University	500.00
171		Page Norris	Western Carolina University	100.00
172		Wanda Brooks	Western Carolina University	250.00
173		Donna Kersey	Western Carolina University	250.00
174		Michele Kible	Western Carolina University	300.00
175		Peri Gordon	Western Carolina University	500.00
176		Nancy Gibbs	Appalachian State University	300.00
177		Deborah Roberits	Lenoir-Rhyne University	500.00
178		Deborra Jackson	Lenoir-Rhyne University	500.00
179		Kim Herman	Appalachian State University	300.00
180		Parapa Williams		100.00
181		Pam Robinson		50.00
182		Michael Layton		150.00
183	1983	Sandra Sandiford		300.00
184		Gerogiana Morten		250.00
185		Pam Garris		150.00
186		Judith Mungle		200.00
187		Cheryl Adams		100.00
188		Patrick Batholman		400.00
189		Sheila Shotwell	Elon College	400.00
190		Martin Pierce		350.00
191		Brenda Minton		350.00
192		Gloria Forres		350.00
193		Lorri Knight		300.00
194		Laura Lee Ward		250.00
195	1984	Lori Braxton		200.00
196		Donna Aaron		200.00
197		Mary Blades		150.00
198		Kevin Eckhardt		150.00
199		Elizabeth Benner		200.00
200		Jennifer Mann	Greensboro College	150.00
201		Patrick Bartalomew	Western Carolina University	300.00
202		Lori Knight	Greensboro College	200.00
203		Walter Greene Jr	Western Carolina University	300.00
204		Rhonda Buchanan	Western Carolina University	150.00
205		Natalie Price	Western Carolina University	150.00
206		Tammy Johnson	UNC CH	150.00
207		Victoria Merritt	East Carolina University	300.00
208		Janice Bolick	Western Carolina University	150.00
209		Kathryn Collins	Greensboro College	300.00
210		Ann Edmond	Catawba College	150.00
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211	1985	Patrice Gibbons		500.00
212		Judith Mungle		400.00
213		June Smith		400.00
214		Jean Barnes	Atlantic Christian College	500.00
215		Kelly Boger	UNC C	500.00
216		Melodie Meadows	Western Carolina University	500.00
217		Kimberly Allen	Western Carolina University	400.00
218		Tine Morrison	Bennett College	500.00
219		Rhonda Anderson		500.00
220		Janis Bolick	Western Carolina University	500.00
221	1986	Wm Smith	Brevard College	250.00
222		Louise Smith		250.00
223		Shirley Bennett		350.00
224		Carolyn Lynn;Smith		350.00
225		Jennifer Van Zee	Western Carolina University	400.00
226		Melodie Meadows	Western Carolina University	300.00
227		Shannon McCoal	Western Carolina University	550.00
228		Steven Jones	Western Carolina University	700.00
229		Colleen Strong	Catawba College	400.00
230		Dana Byrd	Catawba College	150.00
231		Leslie Taylor	Greensboro College	300.00
232	1987	Jackalyn Spense	Appalachian State University	200.00
233		Patricia Cunningham	Appalachian State University	500.00
234		Mary E. Rodgers	Appalachian State University	200.00
235		Leslie Taylor	Greensboro College	400.00
236		Tammy Gilliam	Greensboro College	450.00
237		Rebecca Flynn	Western Carolina University	450.00
238		Julia Harrison	Western Carolina University	300.00
239		Lamar Hudgins	Western Carolina University	600.00
240	1988	Regina Daniel	NCSU	150.00
241		Brenda Walter	East Carolina University	150.00
242		Beth Holder	UNC G	200.00
243		Kay Eyler	Appalachian State University	500.00
244		Rhoda Anderson	UNC C	150.00
245		Kristi Jones	Belmont Abbey College	500.00
246		Carolyn Rudisell	Belmont Abbey College	500.00
247		Sonja Justick	Greensboro College	250.00
248		Tammy Gilliam	Greensboro College	300.00
249		Cynthis Nance	Appalachian State University	300.00
250		Sherry Goodwin	Appalachian State University	500.00
251		Sherry Lewis	Appalachian State University	300.00
252	1989	Jennifer Garris		200.00
253		Christine Allen		200.00
254		Aky Eyler		200.00
255		Janet Hurlde	Atlantic Christian College	700.00
256		Rhonda Baily	Western Carolina University	700.00
		PAGE TOTAL		17,600.00

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257	1990	Georgia Smith	UNC G	250.00
258		Rhonda Lee	UNC Pembroke	400.00
259		Vickie Minton	Western Carolina University	400.00
260		Kathy Blassfield	Western Carolina University	200.00
261	1991	Barbara Carter	Barton College	500.00
262		Theresa Luding	Greensboro College	500.00
263		Rebecca Patterson	NCSU	250.00
264		Leslie McCoy	Western Carolina University	250.00
265		Sheri P. Clark	East Carolina University	750.00
266		Joyce Lane	East Carolina University	750.00
267	1992	Sherri Murphy	Barton College	500.00
268		Annette Myers	Greensboro College	1,500.00
269		Patricia Salt	Barton College	1,500.00
270	1993	Mary B. Reyes	Jefferson Elementary School (grant)	225.00
271		Anne Gould	Hanes/Lowrance Middle School (grant)	223.07
272		Donna Craft	A.G.Cox Middle School (grant)	219.24
273		Cynthia Buck	Robinson Elementary School (grant)	353.00
274		Sheryl Clifton	Stokes Elementary School (grant)	350.00
275		Jennifer Hines and Janice Estes	Draper Elementary School (grant)	250.00
276		Frances M. Harley	Charlotte Mecklenburg School System (grant)	304.95
277		Susanna Pramile Smullen	Greensboro College	1,000.00
278		Lori Hunter	Greensboro College	1,000.00
279		Jean Adams	NCSU (teacher)	900.00
280	1994	Beth Grupe	Barton College	1,000.00
281		Melody Bender	East Carolina University	1,000.00
282	1995	Donita Thomas		800.00
283		Claudia Easter	Greensboro College	800.00
284		Erin Parkin	NCSU (teacher)	400.00
285	1996	Melinda Mann	UNC C	200.00
286		Melanie Pittillo	UNC C	400.00
287		Emily Whitehurst Jackson	East Carolina University	800.00
288		Kandance Johnson	NCSU (teacher)	100.00
289		Anne Richards	East Carolina University (teacher)	400.00
290		Beth Raines	Salem College (teacher)	400.00
291		Cheri Slocum	NCSU (teacher)	100.00
292		Debbie Parker	Greensboro College (teacher)	200.00
		PAGE TOTAL		19,175.26

COUNT	YEAR	RECIPIENT	CITY/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	AWARD AMOUNT
293	1997	Denise Underwood	Greensboro College	500.00
294		Daniele Via Peace	Greensboro College	500.00
295		Georgia Dean	UNC W	500.00
296		Anne Richards		300.00
297		Beth Raines		400.00
298		Brenda Hovis		200.00
299		Cynthia Wells		200.00
300	1998	Jennifer Christine Simpson	UNC CH	500.00
301		Kristian Anne Lewis	Belmont Abbey College	800.00
302		Christina Ann Justice	Greensboro College	500.00
303		Brandy Crofts Musgrave	Winston-Salem State University	500.00
304		Jana Christine Sprenger	Lenoir-Rhyne University	500.00
305		Corianne Faye Wilson	Shaw University	300.00
306	1999	Christina Justice	Greensboro College	3,500.00
307	2000	Nancy Niggles	UNC W	2,000.00
308		Susan Khakee-Smith	UNC W	1,000.00
309		Melissa PI Hosack	Western Carolina University	1,000.00
310		Wanda J. Sloan	UNC W	400.00
311	2001	Kelli Elizabeth Staples	Greensboro College	1,000.00
312		Naum Chepleting Sum	UNC CH	2,300.00
313		Laura Elizabeth NeeSmith	Lenoir-Rhyne University	1,300.00
314	2002	Frances Marie Ivey		300.00
315		Kylie Birdsong	Western Carolina University	500.00
316		Christine Brock	Lenoir-Rhyne University	500.00
317		Hannah Gwyn	NCSU	500.00
318		Amy Elizabeth Mozingo	ECU	1,000.00
319		Jill G. Hunt	High Point University	500.00
320		Laura Mae Allman	Pfeiffer University	500.00
321	2003	Sherri L. Houston		600.00
322		Amy Elizabeth Mozingo	ECU	528.00
323		Susan Riitiner	NCSU	300.00
324		Crystal K. Blanding		1,500.00
325	2004	Veronica Black		400.00
326		Lydia Millsaps	Lenoir-Rhyne University	400.00
327		Kathryn J. Scott	Lenoir-Rhyne University	400.00
328		Jennifer Youndblood	Greensboro College	700.00
329	2005	Annette Reid McKenzie	Greensboro College	400.00
330		Stacy Hinkle	Greensboro College	400.00
331		Nosipho S. Diangalala	Greensboro College	200.00
332		Elizabeth Searce	Greensboro College	200.00
333		Sharon Prescott	Greensboro College	200.00
334		Kristy Jordan	Pfeiffer University	900.00
335		Stephanie Jay Gardiner	Lenoir-Rhyne University	900.00
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COUNT	YEAR	RECIPIENT	CITY/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	AWARD AMOUNT
336	2006	Jodi Bailey	Barton College	1,000.00
337		Adam Lail	UNC W	1,000.00
338		Pam Garris	ECU	500.00
339		Katie Koeslin	High Point University	1,500.00
340	2007	Brooke McPherson		2,500.00
341	2008	Sandra Albert	NCSU	2,000.00
342		Latesha Brown	Belmont Abbey College	2,500.00
	2009	no scholarship applicants		
343	2010	Amber Anderson	Western Carolina	1,250.00
344		Emily Burton	UNC Charlotte	1,250.00
345		Amy Donnelly	Meredith	1,250.00
346		Morgan Mullins	ECU	1,250.00
347		Tonya Blevins (teacher)	Western Carolina	500.00
		PAGE TOTAL		16,500.00

As of May 1, 2010, the Scholarship program has granted scholarships to 347 students and teachers in North Carolina in the amount of \$125,753.26

Scholarship Board Commitment

(No special accouterments are required for this ceremony. These are at the option of the presiding officer.)

Will all the Scholarship Board members please come forward? (Assemble the officers in order of installation.)

Throughout time, portions of humanity have been denied the opportunity of learning. Because their mental, physical and emotional development has been less than perfect, their existence has been, in some cases, ignored or hidden from the world.

During the Twentieth Century, there has been an awareness of the potential of this segment of society. An enlightened public has demanded more for these people so they can interact with society, be educated and given opportunities for jobs and a life as normal as conditions permit.

The North Carolina State Council of ESA established a scholarship for teachers involved in exceptional education. Later, in realizing the need for more teachers in this field of education, a student scholarship was also established.

Today, the North Carolina State Council yearly raises funds through chapter and individual contributions. The Scholarship Board solicits colleges and universities of the state for candidates for the scholarship program. It also offers assistance to teachers needing credits for certification or special training in related areas.

At our annual State Convention, the scholarships are awarded to the candidates who show need and potential to be outstanding educators in the exceptional education field.

Today, it is my pleasure to conduct the installation of the officers and commitment service for the North Carolina ESA Scholarship Board.

_____ as Chairman of the Scholarship Board, your duties are to preside at meetings, make sure applications are sent to colleges, update the history as recorded in “A Light Unto Their Path” and present changes to our bylaws.

If it is your desire to serve the Scholarship Board in this capacity and carry out these duties, please let it be known by saying I WILL.

_____as Vice Chair, your duties are to carry out the Chairman’s duties in the Chair’s absence, solicit for nominations and other duties as set forth in the bylaws.

If it is your desire to serve the Scholarship Board in this capacity and carry out these duties, please let it be known by saying I WILL.

_____as Secretary, your duties will be to keep minutes of meetings and the other assignments set forth in the bylaws.

If it is your desire to serve the Scholarship Board in this capacity and carry out these duties, please let it be known by saying I WILL.

_____as Treasurer, your duties will be the custodian of all Scholarship funds, promptly administering the awards and providing an accounting of the funds at each meeting as set forth in the bylaws.

If it is your desire to serve the Scholarship Board in this capacity and carry out these duties, please let it be known by saying I WILL.

As members of the Scholarship Board, will be you carry out the duties described in the bylaws and support your officers? If this is your desire, please let it be known by saying I WILL.

To the State Council officers and chapters (Would you please stand?) If it is your desire to support the Scholarship Board and this fund, please let it be known by saying I WILL.

Congratulations to the officers and members of the Scholarship Board. In your commitment to serve our special needs population, your commitment to serve others is the primary goal, making a “Light Unto Our Path” a reality. To the members of the State Council, your commitment to support the Board and the Scholarship program shows clearly your desire to offer a better world through your service.