

## ***Alexandra Schencking Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund***



**Alexandra E. Borys Schencking** was a long time resident of Snohomish County and passed away March 1, 2005. The oldest of four children, she spent her youth on the prairie of Saskatchewan. After graduating from high school she enrolled in the Regina Grey Nun School of Nursing, graduating in 1947. Her first nursing assignment took her to the province of Nova Scotia where she met a young soldier by the name of Edward Schencking, they married in 1948. In 1953 she became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

She was a devoted 50 year member of the of the Order of the Eastern Star Sister. During these years of service she served as Worthy Matron of Golden Rod Chapter, Grand Representative of Virginia in Washington, Deputy Instructor, Grand Marshal and Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Washington and a General Grand Chapter Committee Member.

Alexandra was full of life and full of dreams. She touched many lives with winsome smiles that drew friends and strangers alike. She was indeed, full of compassion for all who hurt.

Nursing was a profession that she practiced for many years and was a certified nurse anesthetist. As a result of her devotion to the nursing profession Alexandra requested that her estate be used to provide scholarships for students pursuing a career in nursing. A field that she felt was always in need of well educated and trained professionals.

In June 2005 ***The Alexandra Schencking Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund*** was established by the Grand Chapter of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star. It is devoted exclusively to giving assistance to men or women pursuing a career in the field of nursing, who are enrolled in a State recognized school.

Applicants must be enrolled as a full time undergraduate or graduate student (as defined by the Institution they attend) in a recognized State or Private College or University, Junior or Community College.

Applicants must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average using the 4.0 system and must have completed at least one-half of the course work by June of the year they apply for a scholarship.

Applicants must show what percentage and in what manner they contribute financially toward their education and must apply for a scholarship in the current year.

Applicants for scholarships can obtain an application form from the Chapter Secretary, or any member of the Scholarship committee. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 25 to be considered.

Scholarships awarded will not be less than \$750.00 to any one applicant. Scholarships will be given in the form of a certificate presented to the student at the annual session of the Grand Chapter or immediately thereafter. A check, in the amount of the award will be sent to the school chosen by the student and shall be used only for the recipient's tuition fees or books.

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