

AWARDS CHAIRMAN

As Awards Chairman, you ...

1. Help members keep track of their points in a record book as well as on their affidavit cards.
2. Submit their affidavit cards to ESA Headquarters, for recording and processing only when the level is achieved.
 - a. Be sure to allow at least two weeks time for processing.
 - b. Order any additional charms or awards
3. Encourage participation in your chapter's philanthropic projects, ways and means, education program, rushing and all chapter activities to earn the points for individual awards.
4. Keep abreast of any changes in the various awards and keep your chapter "up-to-date" concerning their records.
5. Answer questions from members on awards program. Seek help if you need it - both from State officers and Headquarters.
6. Plan the awards presentation.

First Pearl Award (Individual): This program is offered to first year members only. A one-year limit is placed on the earnings of the 1,000 points necessary to achieve this award. Points applied to the First Pearl cannot be counted towards the Pallas Athene program, unless the member did not earn the First Pearl, then the points can be applied on the First Pallas Athene. Example, on the First Pearl an hour is worth 10 points, you would need to reduce it to the 5 points you would receive on the Pallas Athene Award. A First Pearl charm is available at a nominal cost from Headquarters. The charm is sent free to all First Pearl members who sponsor a new pledge during their first year of membership. This charm carries a "1 + 1" design on the back.

Pallas Athene Award (Individual): There is no time limitation on this program. As each member earns the number of points necessary to achieve a certain level, she begins working on the next degree. There are six degrees under the Pallas Athene program. Certificates for each degree are provided free by Headquarters. Charms for all six degrees may be purchased from Headquarters at a modest cost.

Certified Volunteer of America (Individual): The certified Volunteer of America Program is designed to recognize those special members who have reached the prestigious 5th degree of the Pallas Athene Program. Once a member reaches the fifth degree of the Pallas Athene and is accepted as a Certified Volunteer of America, they may expect the following recognition: letters will be sent from ESA Headquarters to their employer, their mayor, and their newspaper editor informing them of their achievement; they will receive a handsome certificate proclaiming them as an ESA Certified Volunteer of America.

Sixth Degree Pallas Athene: The purpose of the Sixth Degree Pallas Athene is to develop the talents of ESA's most accomplished members in a way that will assist them in making a permanent contribution to ESA.

Each member who has successfully completed, the Fifth Degree of PA is eligible to apply to design, implement, and present projects in the areas of Education, Service, and Association. (Members should complete their projects on a "one-at-a-time" basis and should not attempt to do these projects simultaneously.) A member should choose one of the three specialty areas and then make application to have her project approved by the Pallas Athene/First Pearl Chairman. Once she has received approval of a proposed project, all project materials should be designed, then completed and presented to a segment of the local community or to a district, state, or international level meeting of ESA.

Following the formal presentation of the project, all written and audio-visual materials, along with presentation outline and a completed "evaluation" form submitted by someone in attendance at the presentation should be forwarded to the Pallas Athene/First Pearl Advisor. (Other letters of recommendation, responses, etc., may be sent with the evaluation materials.)

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Upon the successful completion of the project, "honors" will be awarded. A member who has completed the Fifth Degree of PA and a project in Education will be known to have the Fifth Degree Pallas Athene with "Honors" in Education. When the same member completes her next project in another area such as Service, she will be known to have the Fifth Degree Pallas Athene with "Honors" in Education and Service. When she completes her project in the third specialty area, she will receive her Sixth Degree Pallas Athene. Contact Headquarters for an application form and additional information.

Ambassador Award: This program runs from April 1 through March 31, and encourages us to pledge new members. If you pledge 4 new members you receive one year's dues free and an Ambassador certificate. Pledge 4 additional new members (8 total), you receive two years' dues free and an Ambassador lapel pin. Pledge 2 additional new members (10 total) and you receive a Life Active membership and Life Active dangle.

Honor Society (Chapter): Check the Honor Society application and see how close your own chapter is to achieving one of the three levels of the Honor Society. Plan your year's activities around your Honor Society goal. Don't stop at one level... aim for the Corinthian level and have the supreme honor of receiving a certificate at the Awards Luncheon at International Council Convention!

Service Awards: Each member and her chapter should keep track of her years of service. Service pins and pendants must be ordered by the chapter. 5-10-15-20 year pendants may be used on charm bracelets. 25-30-35-40-45-50 are membership pins.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL AWARDS

Marie L. Wells Award: This award for distinguished educational service is presented annually at International Convention to ESA's most outstanding State Educational Director.

Disaster fund traveling trophy: Presented to the state that has the highest average donation per chapter of the total chapters in the state for contributions to the ESA Disaster Fund from June 1 to May 31 of the following year. This is a permanent traveling trophy.

"What ESA Means to Me" Essay Contest": Each year Headquarters selects outstanding entries in this short essay contest for special recognition. There are two divisions: (1) for new members who have been active in ESA for less than one year before June 1; (2) for members who have been in ESA more than one year. First, second, and third-place winners receive awards at the International Convention. Contact your State Awards Chairperson for details.

AWARDS GIVEN OUTSIDE ESA

Zeus Award: Honors the man with 20,000 sweethearts. A plaque may be presented to the man who has served, helped, and or given moral support to the women of ESA. This man may have also been an asset to the community by serving it for mankind in general. It may also be one of the member's husbands.

Outstanding Youth Award: This is presented to young people grades 7 through 12. This is a chapter award and is worked through your local school. The chapter winner is submitted to the State Diana/Youth Sr./Jr. Chairperson to be considered for the State winners. The State Youth Award winner will be submitted to the International Youth Award Chairperson.

The purpose is to encourage young people to be achievers in our society; to provide outstanding leadership; to be service minded; and to become courteous responsible citizens in their community.

(Please refer to the Youth Award Section for Guidelines and Entry Forms)

Distinguished Achievement Award: (Distinguished International Academy for Noble Achievement) An opportunity for ESA to honor women in their own community members who have done outstanding work for the community in some way. She cannot be a member of ESA. An international Distinguished Achievement winner is honored at the IC Convention after being chosen by a panel of judges made up of past or present IC officers.

(Please refer to the Distinguished Achievement Award Section for Guidelines and Entry Forms)