

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ANACORTES
NAMED SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE & VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Charter Club Members, Legacy and In Memoriam

Scholarship	History
<u>VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL</u> Shirley & Larry Bowlin Industrial Technology & Transportation Scholarship	Shirley Bowlin has managed the club's Thrift Shop for many years, and continues to do so, with a steady hand and commitment to providing the best "thrift" experience in Anacortes. Shirley has served as club President (1991-92, 2003-04, 2016-17), Thrift Shop President (2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25) and was recognized in 2017-18 as a "Woman of Distinction." The scholarship, funded by Shirley & Larry Bowlin, supports studies in automotive, manufacturing, diesel, marine, and welding technology.
<u>VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL</u> Carol Heckler Health Sciences and Allied Health Sciences Scholarship	Carol Heckler's passion was our club's Home Health Equipment Loan Program. Carol worked diligently to make it the success it is today. The club's Home Health Equipment Loan Program has grown to the point that we serve hundreds of Anacortes residents each year. The scholarship is funded in memoriam by her sister and brother-in-law Shirley and Larry Bowlin.
<u>VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL</u> Marge Thomas Educational Studies Scholarship	Marge Thomas was a well-respected educator in the Anacortes community. The scholarship is funded in memoriam by the former Soroptimist International Fidalgo Island (SIFI) club, family, and friends. Marge had a broad view of continuing education; she believed students who were determined to achieve their goals deserve every opportunity to succeed. During her lifetime, Marge demonstrated compassion, strength, perseverance, humor, determination, and optimism.
<u>VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL</u> Doris Tursi Women in Transition Scholarship	Doris and her husband John loaned the club money for the down payment on the original Thrift Shop, and she served as club president in 1962-63 and 1970-71. She was actively involved in SIA and in the community at large.
<u>VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL</u> John Tursi Multi-Occupational (Trades) Scholarship	John worked faithfully in the back room as a volunteer with a "twinkle in his eye" and a story to share. He was a pillar of Anacortes volunteerism who made many significant donations toward the betterment of our community.
<u>VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL</u> Allen Hatfield Marine Technology	Allen Hatfield was the spouse of our long-time member Mary Ann Hatfield, past chair of "Dress for Success" and fabulous Thrift Shop window trimmer. Allen and Mary Ann owned many boats with most named "Hats Off." Allen volunteered on various local civic committees, with the Fidalgo Yacht Club a focal point where he served as Commodore in 1995. This scholarship funds students who also love boats (repairing & maintaining) and pursue their craft locally at Skagit Valley College Anacortes Marine Technology Center.