

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

STUDENT INFORMATION



The P.E.O. Sisterhood is an international philanthropic educational organization that promotes educational opportunities for women through grants, loans and scholarships. The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide \$2,500 scholarships to high school senior women attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada, full-time or part-time in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation.

Student Criteria for Eligibility

- Exhibits excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success.
- A graduating senior, age 20 years of age or under by the application deadline of November 30.
- In the final academic year (senior year) of secondary education at time of application deadline.
- Minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the United States or Canada full-time or part-time in the fall of the academic year following her high school graduation.
- Recommended by a P.E.O. chapter.

Scholarship Uses

The non-renewable P.E.O. STAR Scholarship may be used for non-taxable uses such as tuition, fees and books. Funds used by the institution in this manner will normally be divided between the fall and spring semesters. Alternatively, funds may also be used for items that may be taxable such as room and board. The recipient and her family will make the decision on use of the funds and will be responsible for any tax implications.

How to Apply

1. A local P.E.O. chapter must recommend the student.

Local Contact: _____ Chapter: _____

State/Province/District: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

2. An interview may be requested by the P.E.O. chapter. The chapter will contact student with this request.
3. The Student Profile Form must be completed and signed. The contact person will answer questions.
4. An essay is required. In a one page, plain paper, single-spaced, 12-point font document, the student must describe her future career goals. Be specific. The student's name must be on her essay.
5. Complete the Student Activity Chart, explaining involvement and level of responsibility.
6. With the application, submit an official high school transcript through the 11th grade (junior year). Canadian applicants must include a copy of their Province Conversion Grading Scale with their packet.
7. Two letters of reference are required. References could include: teacher, coach, principal, employer, etc. Each reference letter should be submitted in a sealed envelope with signature of reference across the seal.
8. All application materials are to be given to the chapter contact. Please do not use folders, binders, staples or paper clips.

Deadline

Materials are to be given to the P.E.O. chapter contact person by _____.
(Date determined by recommending chapter)

The sponsoring P.E.O. chapter will include their recommendation form, letter, and check list and send the completed application packet, postmarked no later than November 30, to the P.E.O. Executive Office.