

P.E.O. STAR SCHOLARSHIP



THE P.E.O. STAR SCHOLARSHIP WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2009 TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCEPTIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WOMEN TO ATTEND AN ACCREDITED POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

SCHOLARSHIP

This is a non-renewable \$2,500 scholarship for graduating high school senior women which must be used in the academic year following graduation or it will be forfeited.

At the discretion of the recipient, funds may be paid directly to the recipient or to the accredited educational institution. Non taxable uses for this money may be tuition, fees, books and equipment required for courses of instruction. Funds used for room, board or transportation expenses may have tax consequences for the recipient.

ELIGIBILITY

A WOMAN IS ELIGIBLE TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR THE P.E.O. STAR SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED SHE:

- Exhibits excellence in academics, leadership, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success
- Has a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Is in the final academic year (senior year) of her secondary education and is 20 years of age or under by November 30
- Is a 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
- Attends in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation
- Is recommended by a P.E.O. chapter

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submissions must be made through a P.E.O. chapter. Recommendations may be submitted until the November 30 postmark deadline. Applicants are responsible for completing and providing the following materials to the recommending chapter: Student Profile, Student Activity Chart, an original one-page essay, two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes and an official 11th grade (junior year) transcript.

CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP

WHEN A PROSPECTIVE APPLICANT IS IDENTIFIED BY A LOCAL CHAPTER, THE LOCAL CHAIRMAN OF THE STAR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL ARRANGE FOR AN INTERVIEW TO ASSESS ELIGIBILITY. IF THE CHAPTER APPROVES SPONSORSHIP, THE LOCAL CHAIRMAN OVERSEES THE FOLLOWING:

- Completion of application materials by the student
- Chapter Recommendation Form, checklist and letter from the recommending chapter introducing their applicant and explaining her outstanding qualities and achievements

Completed materials from the applicant and chapter are to be sent in one mailing, by the chapter, to the P.E.O. Executive Office. P.E.O. STAR Scholarships will be announced annually by April 30. Letters will be sent to all applicants and recommending chapters. Award certificates for STAR Scholarship recipients will be sent to their recommending chapters for presentation at an awards ceremony or other public forum.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, *contact:*

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