The P.E.O. Scholar Awards program, established in 1991, provides educational awards for women of the United States and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university.

ELIGIBILITY

An applicant for a P.E.O. Scholar Award is required to be nominated by a local P.E.O. chapter and to be a citizen of the United States or Canada.

She must be within two years of completing her doctoral level degree and she must have one full academic year of work remaining at the time the award payment is made (August 1). She must be enrolled full time in her program at an accredited college or university.

APPLICATION

Following nomination by a P.E.O. chapter, each eligible nominee will be required to electronically submit an application by an assigned date.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In selecting recipients of these merit based, competitive awards, the board of trustees for P.E.O. Scholar Awards will evaluate each application using the following criteria:

- The nominee’s proposal
- Potential to make significant contributions in her field(s) of endeavor or for a positive impact on society.
- Recommendations from three university professors or advisers
- Evidence of scholarly activities—publications, presentations, patents, performances, etc.
- Academic awards and honors—honor societies, scholarships, etc.
- Academic record—grades
- Career objectives
- Unique academic and global experiences

Priority is given to a woman who is well established in her program.
AWARDS

P.E.O. Scholar Awards are announced annually in May for the ensuing academic year. The number of awards is determined each year in accordance with the funds available.

ENDOWED AND NAMED SCHOLARS

To be selected as an Endowed or Named P.E.O. Scholar is an additional honor for the recipients who are chosen for these awards.

Endowed awards are supported by gifts to specific endowment funds maintained in the P.E.O. Foundation for Scholar Awards.

Named awards are one-time awards funded by contributions given by individuals, chapters or collective gifts in the amount of a P.E.O. Scholar Award.

CALENDAR

AUGUST 20–NOVEMBER 20: Online nominations accepted.

MAY 1: Notification of awards sent to applicants and nominating chapters.

AUGUST 1: First half of award payment mailed to recipient.

JANUARY 31: Final half of award payment sent after receipt of recipient’s progress report.

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