

# P.E.O. Foundation, a Nonprofit Organization



- Established in 1961 as a qualified charitable organization under 501(c)(3) of the IRS code
- Provides a convenient way to make tax deductible gifts from individuals to P.E.O. educational projects
- Funds held by the Foundation are professionally managed and diversified
- Investment of your funds by the Foundation offers growth in principal
- Funds may be established to provide income in perpetuity for our projects or for scholarships

## Giving to the P.E.O. Foundation

- Donations may be given to the P.E.O. educational projects. Donations to multiple projects may be made by writing one check to the Foundation, noting the desired breakdown between the projects
  - ◆ *Qualified P.E.O. educational projects are: Cottey College, P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund, P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, P.E.O. Scholar Awards and P.E.O. STAR Scholarship*
- Donations may be given to the P.E.O. Foundation undesignated fund
  - ◆ *The Foundation trustees distribute these funds annually among P.E.O. educational projects, where the need is the greatest*
- Donations may be given to establish a permanent fund or to individual funds already held and administered by the Foundation
- Donations may be given to the P.E.O. Foundation
  - ◆ *By check*
  - ◆ *By credit card on the [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) website using the Giving Opportunities link*
  - ◆ *By contacting one of the Foundation trustees or the Foundation Office for other options*
- Donations may come in the form of honorariums, memorials, bequests, life insurance, retirement benefits, marketable securities, year-end gifts and planned giving
  - ◆ *It is always advisable to consult with your tax or financial planning adviser before making these types of contributions*



*Women helping women reach for the stars*

## Establishing a Permanent Fund in the P.E.O. Foundation

- Chapters or individuals can establish a fund in the P.E.O. Foundation
  - ◆ *A fund may be established with a minimum of US \$1,000 initial deposit*
  - ◆ *Donors have five years to reach the required permanent principal balance of US \$5,000*
- Funds may be established in honor or memory of someone, in the name of the chapter or an individual
- Establishing donor will decide the name of the fund and how the income will be used (within P.E.O. Foundation guidelines)
- Funds earn interest and accumulate income
- Amounts above the US \$5,000 may be used for college scholarships, transferred to one or more of the P.E.O. educational projects or added to Foundation undesignated funds, in accordance with the fund's Statement of Operations
- Additional contributions to the funds allow them to grow
- Instructions found on [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org) website under the Foundation and Planned Giving link will provide all the information needed for establishing a permanent fund

## Scholarship Funds

- The donor (either individual or chapter) sets scholarship guidelines specific to its fund and within P.E.O. Foundation guidelines
- A scholarship fund's committee selects recipients for scholarships
  - ◆ *Based on selection criteria determined at the time the fund is established*
  - ◆ *Based on Foundation criteria to meet IRS rules*
- Foundation trustees review the proposed recipient's case history form (provided by the fund's selection committee) prior to the awarding of the scholarship money to ensure that Foundation and IRS requirements are being met—trustees do not select recipients
- Scholarship checks are sent either to the school or directly to the recipient

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*Your gift—regardless of its size or nature—will help ensure the continuance of the P.E.O. mission*

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## Administration of Fund

- A professional investment consulting firm continually reviews these guidelines to ensure investments adapt to an ever changing financial environment
  - ◆ *Guidelines direct the specific allocation of investments between asset classes*
- Interest on funds is allocated monthly
- Administrative fees average less than 1 percent of fund balance
- An annual activity statement (financial statement of the fund) provides information to the designated individual or chapter of revenues, expenses and any investment returns through June 30
- All gifts or donations become part of P.E.O. Foundation and must be used for P.E.O. educational or charitable purposes. Due to IRS tax rules, once funds are in P.E.O. Foundation they cannot be returned to the individual donor or to the local or state chapter from which they were received

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For additional information, contact: P.E.O. Executive Office, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312-2899, Phone: 515.255.3153  
Or contact a trustee of the P.E.O. Foundation (Listed on the inside cover of The P.E.O. Record or on the website)  
**[peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)** (Click on the P.E.O. Foundation and Planned Giving link)