

Nine Reasons to Reinstate Your Membership in P.E.O.

1. **Loving concern and support of your chapter**—Whether you are celebrating life's milestones or struggling through a hardship, your chapter sisters are there to lend support, comfort and give you lots of TLC.
2. **Loyal friendships of your sisters**—Friendship is the characteristic that makes our organization so unique. Not only do we embrace our philanthropies, we embrace each other as sisters.
3. **Personal enrichment and gratification**—P.E.O. is filled with exceptional women who share their passions and talents.
4. **Opportunity for personal growth**—Close fellowship with your P.E.O. sisters can introduce you to a variety of ways to grow personally—whether it is learning a new skill, developing a new hobby or realizing your own educational aspirations.
5. **Affirmation of yourself**—Reciting the Objects and Aims is a wonderful exercise for reminding yourself of the woman you strive to be every day.
6. **Leadership opportunities**—There are fabulous opportunities for you to sharpen your leadership skills as an officer in your local chapter, or in state, provincial or district service. P.E.O. provides leadership development modules to improve leadership skills in all aspects of life – workplace, community involvement and P.E.O.
7. **Philanthropic outreach**—P.E.O.s help thousands of women pursue their educational goals through support of our own women's college, Cottey College, and five educational assistance philanthropies.
8. **The P.E.O. Record**—Our bimonthly magazine is full of inspiring member and recipient stories.
9. **Fellowship beyond your chapter**—When you attend a reciprocity meeting or represent your chapter at your state, provincial, district or International convention, you are associating with an array of amazing women who all share the same passion—P.E.O.!



Guide for an Inactive Member



*Women Helping Women
Reach for the Stars*

Once a P.E.O., always a P.E.O.

When You Become an Inactive Member of Our Sisterhood, Remember...

- You may reinstate at any time.
- You may purchase a subscription to The P.E.O. Record for \$5 per year by writing The P.E.O. Record, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312.
- When invited, you may attend any P.E.O. function that is not a regular or special meeting, which are for active members only.
- Please notify your chapter of any change in contact information. They want to stay in touch with you.

It Is Easy to Reinstate, Just Follow These Steps When...

You would like to return to the chapter from which you became inactive:

- Send a letter to your chapter notifying them of your reinstatement and enclose the reinstatement fee of \$35 with your letter.
- If you no longer know anyone in your current chapter, contact membership@peodsm.org or write the Membership Dept., P.E.O. Executive Office, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312.

You no longer live near the chapter from which you became inactive:

- For a list of chapters in your immediate area and their presidents contact membership@peodsm.org or call 515-255-3153 and ask for the membership department. If leaving a message, be sure to include your name, current address, phone number and email so applicable information can be provided to you.
- Contact presidents of chapters that meet on a convenient time and day indicating you would like to attend an upcoming chapter program, reciprocity meeting or other social activity.
- Accept as many invitations as possible to meet a variety of sisters.
- Upon receipt of an invitation to transfer, send that chapter a letter notifying them that you are reinstating and accepting their invitation. Send your regrets to other chapters that extended you an invitation.
- Enclose the reinstatement fee of \$35 with your letter.
- A transfer may not occur in February.* If there is not time for the chapter that extended the invitation to read your acceptance letter at a chapter meeting by January 31, you must pay your reinstatement fee and dues for the upcoming year to reinstate your membership to your current chapter or wait until after February 28/29 to accept the invitation to transfer.

You have been invited to transfer to another chapter:

- Send a letter to the chapter that extended the invitation to transfer notifying them that you are reinstating and accepting their invitation.
- Enclose the reinstatement fee of \$35 with your letter.
- A transfer may not occur in February.* If there is not time for the chapter that extended the invitation to read your acceptance letter at a chapter meeting by January 31, you must pay your reinstatement fee and dues for the upcoming year to reinstate your membership to your current chapter or wait until after February 28/29 to accept the invitation to transfer.

Reinstatement to your current chapter is effective when your reinstatement letter and the reinstatement fee are received. Your reinstatement and transfer to another chapter is effective when the letter accepting the invitation to transfer and notification of reinstatement is read at a chapter meeting (regular or special) and the reinstatement fee is received. Once reinstated, remember that dues are payable annually to your chapter **February 1** and are delinquent as of **March 1**.

***Exception:** Transfers may be accepted in February by organizing or reorganizing chapters.

