

P.E.O. Star Scholarship

POLICY GUIDELINES

I. PURPOSE

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is a highly competitive one-time \$2,500 scholarship recognizing graduating high school senior women who demonstrate outstanding leadership, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and community service and who plan to pursue full or part-time post-secondary education in the United States or Canada beginning in the fall following their high school graduation.

II. ELIGIBILITY

A woman is eligible to be recommended for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship provided she:

- a. Exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success.
- b. Is in the final academic year (senior year) of her secondary education and is 20 years of age or under at the end of the calendar year.
- c. Has a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- d. Is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- e. 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 high school graduation.
- f. Is recommended by and receives the vote of a local P.E.O. chapter.

III. LOCAL APPLICATIONS.

The forms must be filled out and turned into the high school counselor by the local chapter to continue to compete nationally.

One applicant will be chosen

PROCEDURES FOR CHOSEN APPLICANT

ONLINE APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The recommending chapter and winning applicant will complete and electronically submit the required application items. The chapter will advise the applicant that she will be emailed instructions for setting up her online account to complete her portion of the application.

Submission of the chapter recommendation form and chapter recommendation letter (thoroughly introducing the applicant and explaining her outstanding qualities and achievements) must be made online between **September 1 and November 1**.

Each applicant is given 30 days from the date she receives the email from the STAR Supervisor to complete and submit the Student Profile, Student Activity Charts, original one page essay, two reference letters, and unofficial high school transcript (through the 11th grade/junior year).

The local chapter contact will be sent an email with the applicant's submission deadline and is encouraged to follow up with the applicant to make sure she submits her information on or before the submission deadline date.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

P.E.O. STAR Scholarships recipients will be announced annually by April 30. Notification letters will be sent to all applicants and recommending chapters. The recipient award certificate will be mailed to the recommending chapter for presentation at a high school awards ceremony.

Application for P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

Please fill out the following charts:

Academic Achievement	Yrs for high honor roll	Yrs. For low	Skills Developed/Learned	Special Recognitions	Other

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Other Leadership Roles	Years (dates)	Skills Developed/ Learned	Special Recognitions	Other

Community/Volunteer Service	Dates	Skills Developed/Learned	Special Recognitions	Other

Please list your outstanding qualities.

Discuss your possible career aspirations and higher education plans in paragraph form.