

Scholarship Extended to Oct. 1, 2023

2024 P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Application Guidelines

P.E.O. Chapter FK invites and encourages outstanding, high potential women in their high school graduating class of 2024 to apply for a **\$2,500 P.E.O. STAR Scholarship**.

Who is eligible for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship?

High school women in their senior year who:

1. Are in their graduating high schools in the spring class of 2024 (academic year 2023-24) and 20 years of age or younger at the end of the calendar year 2024.
2. Exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and show potential for future success.
3. Have a minimum, cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. Plan to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the US or Canada full-time or part-time in the fall of 2024.
5. Are citizens or legal, permanent residents of the US or Canada.
6. Are recommended by and receive the vote of a local P.E.O. chapter.

What distinguishes STAR Scholarship recipients?

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship program is extremely competitive, and recipients are selected from applicants across the US and Canada. Recipients are young women who sees needs and work to meet them. They are involved during their high school years in ways in ways that positively impact their school, their local community, their state, and perhaps even the world. They show the potential for creating a vibrant, productive future for themselves and society. They truly stand out among their peers.

Application Instructions:

Please read the application instructions carefully, as a few things have changed from previous years. NOTE: Incomplete or late application will NOT be considered.

Deadline: Students wishing to apply for the STAR

Scholarship must email her completed application to our Scholarship Committee ~~NO~~

~~LATER than SUNDAY JULY 16, 2023:~~ Extended ~ see above

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Email applications to ~~Melissa Berndt at melissa@firsthomesteadusa.com~~ with "P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Application" in the subject line. ~~cmlehman@aol.com~~

A completed application includes:

Text if questions: 803-206-7799

1. A current high school transcript (through academic year 2022-2023)
2. A professional resume which includes:
 - a. Her current, unweighted GPA based on a 4.0 scale
 - b. ACT or SAT score (if possible)
 - c. Awards and Honors received

- d. Extracurricular Activities by year, including leadership positions held and number of hours per week each year
 - e. Community/Volunteer Service Activities by year, including leadership positions held and number of hours per week each year
 - f. Employment/Work Experience, if applicable and number of hours per week each year
3. Two signed letters of recommendation (one from either a teacher, counselor, or principal from school and one personal recommendation from someone who knows the applicant outside the school setting and is not a relative). Letters of recommendation should address each of the following points:
- a. The capacity and for how long have you known this student?
 - b. Description her strengths and challenges based on your personal observations.
 - c. Examples of the characteristics and skills she possesses that you believe will carry her successfully into the future.
 - d. An example of one aspect of this young woman that you and others around her admire most and find exceptional.
 - e. Anything else you would like to share on behalf of the applicant.
4. A well-written, personal essay on higher education plans and goals and her career aspirations.

After the July 16th submission deadline, all applications will be reviewed by our Scholarship Committee, and finalist candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview (via Zoom).

About P.E.O.

P.E.O. International is a Philanthropic Educational Organization where women CELEBRATE the advancement of women, EDUCATE women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College, and MOTIVATE women to achieve their highest aspirations. There are 6,000 P.E.O. Chapters in the US and Canada. For additional information about P.E.O., visit www.peointernational.org.

Kind regards,

The P.E.O. Chapter FK Star Scholarship Committee

~~Melissa Berndt, Cathy Roseland, Erin Hornung~~

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