

Dear High School Senior Woman,

We look forward to working with the 2024 STAR Scholarship applicants! P.E.O. Chapter R Seward is proud to have supported Four STAR scholars:

- Ashley Guernsey – 2018
- Riley Von Borstel – 2019
- Rowan Bean – 2022
- Ally Guernsey - 2023

Our process is as follows:

- Deadline for applications is September 15th.
- If selected for an interview, it will be between September 23-25.
 - Our style is to conduct the interview, then provide feedback on to you to help develop your interview skills and support your future goals.
- We select our candidate for the year submit our chapter application by October 15.
- Our candidate will complete a detailed online application assisted by a PEO Member within 1 month.
- We will be notified by April 30 as to whether our candidate was selected.

Applications that are most successful have a well-balanced delivery of the categories in this image. We encourage you to present information on all aspects.



P.E.O. Star Scholarship

FALL 2023 Deadline: Thursday, September 15th, 2024

The PEO Sisterhood is an international philanthropic educational organization that promotes educational opportunities for women through grants, loans, and scholarships.



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.

ELIBILITY: 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.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Student Profile Form
- Essay – Describe your future career goals. Be specific. (1 page, single-spaced, 12pt font)
- Student Activity Chart
- 2 Letters of Reference
- Unofficial Transcript

*If selected for interview, it will be during September 23-25, 2024 and will be done via Zoom.

Please submit your completed **ELECTRONIC** application to Amanda Adams through email at aadams@kpbsd.org. Please email or call 907-224-9038 if you have questions.

For more information about PEO, go to www.peointernational.org

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

STUDENT PROFILE



Name of Student: _____
First Middle Last

Permanent Address: _____
Street Address

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Current Address: _____
(If Different) Street Address

City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident of (U.S. or Canada): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

GPA: _____ (based on 4.00 scale) Class Rank: _____ of _____ in class (if applicable)

The following items must accompany this Student Profile:

1. Student Activity Chart explaining your involvement and level of responsibilities.
2. A one-page essay stating your future career goals. Put your name on your essay.
3. Official high school transcript through 11th grade (junior year).
4. Canadian applicants must include a copy of their Province Conversion Grading Scale with their packet.
5. Two letters of reference from those who know you well. Each should be in a sealed envelope with the reference's signature across the seal. Please indicate names and titles on lines below.

a) _____ b) _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

Yes No

If selected as a P.E.O. STAR Scholarship recipient, I give my permission to the P.E.O. Sisterhood to use my name and information provided in my application and any additional information submitted for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship. This includes photos for publicity in the media and publication purposes on the P.E.O. website.

Yes No

I hereby grant permission to the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Board of Trustees to release my name and address information on this application to Cottey College, a four-year liberal arts college for women owned by the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Not granting publicity permission or requesting Cottey information will not affect the scholarship selection process.

I declare this information to be correct to the best of my knowledge.

 Student Signature Required

 Parent/Guardian Signature Required if Applicant is under 18

 Date

 Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Return this application and all supporting materials to the P.E.O. chapter contact:

 Phone/Email: _____

Chapter: _____ State/Province/District: _____ By: _____

Date to be Determined by P.E.O. Chapter Contact



**P.E.O. STAR Scholarship
Student Activity Chart**
(Additional pages may be added as needed)

Extracurricular Activities

Activity	Years	Position/ Involvement	Leadership/ skills acquired
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Student Activity Chart**

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Community and Volunteer Service

Activity	Years	Position/ Involvement	Leadership/ skills acquired
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P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

Procedures and General Information



POLICY GUIDELINES

I. PURPOSE

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II. ELIGIBILITY

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III. SCHOLARSHIPS

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarships are given once each year for the ensuing academic year. The number of scholarships given is in accordance with the annual funds available.

P.E.O. STAR Scholarships to Canadian recipients will be paid in Canadian dollars. The only exception will be if a Canadian recipient attends a U.S. institution and incurs expenses in U.S. dollars, then payment may be in U.S. dollars if requested by the recipient.

RECOMMENDATION PROCEDURES

I. RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship will only be accepted from local chapters. The chapter should be familiar with the accomplishments and academic status

of the applicant and be satisfied that she meets the criteria for eligibility. A personal interview is recommended and the applicant should be advised of the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship requirements.

II. CHAPTER APPROVAL

Local chapter approval is granted by a majority voice vote at a regular business or special meeting. Each local chapter is permitted to recommend one applicant per academic year.

III. ONLINE APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The recommending chapter and 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 11 grade/junior year). Canadian applicants must also include their Province Conversion Grading Scale.

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 or other public forum.

Scholarship funds will be sent, at the determination of the recipient, either directly to the institution or to the individual recipient. Institutions will receive the entire scholarship, after August 1, amount to be divided equally between the two semesters/terms. Scholarships sent directly to recipients will be divided into two payments. The first

payment will be sent after August 1 and the second payment upon submission and receipt of a new Confirmation of Enrollment Form for the second semester/term, due to the P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines no later than January 31.

ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP

To receive P.E.O. Scholarship funds, a recipient must:

- a. Enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution full or part-time in the fall following her high school graduation. (Funds will be forfeited if enrollment does not occur).
- b. Remit the Acceptance of Educational Aid and the Confirmation of Enrollment forms prior to the first semester/term enrollment. Those receiving funds directly will be required to submit a new Confirmation of Enrollment form before the second semester/term.

LOCAL CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Chapters are encouraged to remain in touch with their recipients by offering support and encouragement.

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Please visit the P.E.O. website for P.E.O. STAR Scholarship information and application instructions.

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