

2024 2025

# P. E. O. Star Scholarship Award

## \$2,500

For female seniors graduating in 2025

### About the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR)

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the United States or Canada in the next academic year.



### Eligibility

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

- Exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success
- Has a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- 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
- Is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada
- Plans to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the United States or Canada, full-time or part-time, in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation
- Is recommended by and receives the vote of a local P.E.O. chapter



Application Process:

There is a 3-step selection process for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship. To be considered for recommendation by the Kenai Chapter of P.E.O., the first is to complete the following contact information on a separate sheet of paper and answer the following two questions, each on a separate sheet of paper as well. Please do not include your name on either of the answer sheets.

Applicant Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions:

Please *do not* put your name on either of the answer sheets.

1. *On a separate sheet of paper.* In 400 words or less, please tell us why you should be selected for the STAR Scholarship Award.
2. *On a separate sheet of paper.* In 400 words or less, please tell us about your community service.
3. Please include a current grade transcript as well.

**This portion of the application process is due: October 1st, 2024**

After reviewing the applications, the scholarship committee will contact you to set up an interview meeting time to take place shortly after October 1<sup>st</sup>. After the interview process, the nominee selected, will need to complete additional information requirements online.

Please email the above information (contact information and questions) to:

*patti@truesdella@peo.org*

Looking forward to receiving your application

Patti Truesdell - PEO STAR Scholarship Chair

If you have questions – please feel free to call me at 907-394-4497

Send/Forward: [pattitruessdell@icloud.com](mailto:pattitruessdell@icloud.com)

**Out-of-School Employment (Summer & after school):**

**Employer:**

**Position:**

**Type of Work:**

**Dates:**

**Employer:**

**Position:**

**Type of Work:**

**Dates:**

**College Choices:**

**Name of Institution:**

**Total Cost:**

**Amount of Aid Needed:**

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**What has been the best part of your high school experience?**

**What level of education do you expect to attain?**

**Grade Point Average:**

**Class Rank:**

**Date Computed:**

## History of PEO

P.E.O. was founded on January 21, 1869, by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. This circle of kindred spirits – bonded by their enthusiasm for women's opportunities – eventually expanded to include women off campus as well. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than a half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education, while supporting and motivating them.

True to the mission of promoting educational opportunities for women, education continues to be the primary philanthropy of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. In fact, the P.E.O. Sisterhood proudly sponsors six international philanthropies, or projects, designed to assist women with their educational goals.

As a result, P.E.O. is clearly making a difference in the lives of women all over the world. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 119,000\* women pursue educational goals by providing over \$398 million\* in grants, scholarships, awards and loans.

The Sisterhood also owns and supports Cottey College.

As of April 2022, P.E.O. has awarded:

- Educational Loan Fund dollars totaling \$235.9 million
- International Peace Scholarships totaling \$45.4 million
- Program for Continuing Education grants totaling \$67.6 million
- Scholar Awards totaling \$32.1 million
- P.E.O. STAR Scholarships totaling \$17.2 million.

In addition, our chapter sponsors scholarships to Kenai Peninsula College

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