



# P.E.O. STAR Scholarship



*Recognizing  
Young Women of  
Stellar Achievement*

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

## Scholarship

This is a non-renewable \$2,500 scholarship for graduating high school senior women which must be used in the academic year following graduation or it will be forfeited.

At the discretion of the recipient, funds may be paid directly to the recipient or to the accredited educational institution. Funds used for tuition and fees or required books and equipment are usually non-taxable for income tax purposes. Funds used for room and board might be reportable income for tax purposes. Recipients and their families will decide on the use of funds and will be responsible for any taxes incurred. Professional tax guidance is suggested.

## Eligibility

**A woman is eligible to be recommended for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR) 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 post-secondary educational institution in the United States or Canada, full- or part-time, in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation
- Is recommended by and receives the vote of a P.E.O. chapter

## Chapter Recommendation and Application Process

When a local chapter identifies a prospective applicant, the local STAR Chairman will arrange an interview to assess eligibility. If the chapter votes to recommend the applicant, the chairman oversees the online application process at [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org).

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 (thoroughly introducing the applicant and explaining her outstanding qualities and achievements) must be made online, following the online instructions, between September 1 and November 1. The Student Profile, Student Activity Charts, original essay not to exceed 700 words, two reference letters and unofficial high school transcript (through the 11th grade/junior year) must be submitted online no later than 30 calendar days after the link is sent from the STAR Supervisor with instructions to set up her online account. Canadian applicants must also include their Province conversion grading scale.

Recipients will be announced annually by April 30. Notification letters will be emailed to all applicants and recommending chapters. Recipient award certificates will be mailed to recommending chapters for presentation at a high school awards ceremony or other public forum.

## Endowed and Named Scholarships

Endowed STAR Scholarships may be established in honor or memory of an individual or chapter. The funds are held in the P.E.O. Foundation. A one-time gift of \$2,500 may be designated as a Named Scholarship in honor or memory of an individual or chapter and must be received by the P.E.O. Executive Office no later than December 1 to be awarded in the ensuing academic year.

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