



What is the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship?

- \$2,500 scholarship
- Established in 2009
- Provides scholarships for exceptional women in her final year of high school to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the United States or Canada in the next academic year >

Taryn Murphy, 2017 STAR Recipient



P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Committee
Chapter JS, Davenport
Lois Boyer, Chairperson
Jan Melvin, Suzanne Benson, Julie Scott, Sherry
Freese & Judy Hawthorne--School Contacts

Attention: Counseling Department
Regarding: the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship 2024

Annually P.E.O. Chapter JS, Davenport, makes contact with your school's Counseling Department seeking one or two applicants for the P.E.O. International STAR Scholarship. The STAR is a highly competitive scholarship for exceptional young women in the US and Canada who will be entering their senior year in high school this fall.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STAR SCHOLARSHIP:

Exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service with potential for future success

Has minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.00 on 4.00 scale

Graduates high school in 2025 and is under 20 years of age at the end of 2025

Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the US or Canada in the fall following high school graduation, full or part-time

Is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the US or Canada

WHAT IS P.E.O.? P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization celebrating the advancement of women and offering educational opportunities through scholarships, grants, and loans. Cotter College, a four-year all-girls college in Nevada, Missouri; is owned and operated by P.E.O. P.E.O. motivates women to achieve their highest aspirations. The organization was founded in 1869 by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Today's membership exceeds 225,000 in nearly 6,000 chapters throughout the US and Canada. P.E.O. raises millions of dollars to promote women's opportunities to pursue their education.

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP?

Enclosed find four copies of P.E.O. STAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS and INFORMATION 2024/2025. Please keep one for your records and distribute one or two of the copies to junior women who exhibit STAR qualities as soon as possible. The candidates can work on the application and submit without any further help from you. However, it would be helpful if you could provide your P.E.O. contact with the names and contact information of the girls who received the application instructions. The STAR committee will review the applications, interview the candidates, and with difficulty, nominate one candidate.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require additional information.

We very much appreciate your efforts during this busy spring season.

Sincerely,

Lois Boyer, Chairperson; LoisLBoyer@gmail.com; 563-940-3024

Jan Melvin, Judy Hawthorne, Sherry Freese, Suzanne Benson. Julie Scott-- School Contacts

P.E.O. STAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & INFORMATION 2024-2025

This HIGHLY COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONAL AWARD of \$2,500 (freshman year, non-renewable) provides applicants an opportunity to compete with some of the most qualified young women in North America. Last year around 1,800 individual P.E.O. chapters in the US and Canada carefully selected a single qualified candidate from area high schools; 900 scholarships were awarded. More information about the Star can be found by googling: peo star scholarship

To apply:

1. Provide an unofficial copy of your transcript through grade 11
2. Provide a list of your extracurricular activities noting leadership roles
3. Provide a list of your community service activities noting leadership roles
4. Briefly share your unique story with us noting what makes you exceptional—one page
5. Include your name, complete address, phone number(s), personal email, and high school

Please send the above information via email or snail mail to Lois Boyer:

LoisLBoyer@gmail.com

5275 Red Fox Rd., Bettendorf, IA 52722

563-940-3024 - cell – please text or call if I fail to acknowledge your submission

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday May 30, 2024

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NOTE: Funds may be paid to recipient or the institution, all for first semester or half and half

Timeline:

Applicants will be informed by **early June** if accepted for an interview

Interviews will be held **during June** and may be held in person or by ZOOM

The applicant selected as our STAR candidate will be informed by **early July**.

The chapter online STAR application to P.E.O. International will be submitted **in September**

The candidate will then receive a link and be given 30 days to complete her online application to include a student profile, an essay, forms for both extracurricular and community activities, unofficial transcript, and two independently provided reference forms

P.E.O. International will announce STAR recipients by **April 30, 2025**

P.E.O. Chapter JS, STAR Scholarship Committee

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