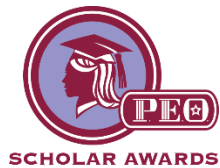


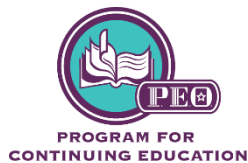
Changes to P.E.O. International Projects



Starting in 2020, the dates for local chapters to submit the name of a student to be considered for the **P.E.O. STAR Scholarship** have changed. Going forward, the submission window each year will be **August 15 to October 15**.



Effective in 2021, in honor of the **P.E.O. Scholar Awards'** 30th anniversary, **the award will increase to \$20,000**. Since the Scholar Awards debuted in 1991, more than \$28.2 million has been awarded, and with the award increasing to \$20,000, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has the opportunity to offer even greater financial support to women who are pursuing doctoral level degrees.



Effective July 1, 2020, there will be several changes to the **P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education**.

- The certification or degree program in which an applicant is enrolled must now be from an **accredited institution**.
- An applicant is eligible for a grant if she is **within 18 consecutive months of completing her educational program**.
- Grants are awarded to women for programs or degrees up to and including a master's degree. Those enrolled in a **post master's certification or doctoral program are not eligible**.
- The submission window for a chapter recommendation is between **8 and 14 weeks** prior to the start of the student's term for which the grant is requested.

More information on all of the P.E.O. International Projects may be found at <https://members.peointernational.org/peo-projects>.

Announcing New Chapter Recognition Opportunities!

P.E.O. International is excited to announce two new special chapter designations that have been created to recognize chapters that give \$500 or more lump-sum donations to promote and support their favorite P.E.O. projects.

The brand new **P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education Brighter Tomorrow Chapter** designation and the **P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund Legacy Chapter** designation join the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Constellation Chapter, P.E.O. Scholar Awards Laureate Chapter and P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund Partners in Peace Chapter designations.

The chapter designations provide significant support for women and further connect local chapters to the mission of the Sisterhood.



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**EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND
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CONSTELLATION CHAPTER**



**SCHOLAR AWARDS
LAUREATE CHAPTER**



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SCHOLARSHIP FUND
PARTNERS IN PEACE CHAPTER**

PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Brighter Tomorrow Chapter Information

The Program for Continuing Education offers hope and a brighter tomorrow for women whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families. Now, local chapters have an opportunity to earn the Program for Continuing Education Brighter Tomorrow designation as they continue to lift up women who are working to create better futures for themselves. This is in addition to the PCE Named Grant Program.

Become a PCE Brighter Tomorrow Chapter

- A chapter that makes a lump sum contribution of \$500 or more will be designated a PCE Brighter Tomorrow Chapter.
 - To receive recognition, the chapter contribution must be received by the s/p/d treasurer or paid assistant by January 31. Chapter checks are not to be sent directly to the Executive Office. (Exception: Hawaii chapters should send their contribution to the International Chapter Treasurer.)
 - Individual contributions of \$500 or more also allow a local chapter to receive recognition as a PCE Brighter Tomorrow Chapter, provided the donor specifies the chapter to be credited on the Individual Donation Form. To be considered a charitable donation, this contribution must be made payable to Program for Continuing Education and be sent to the Executive Office. The deadline for these designated gifts is January 31.

Chapter Recognition

Chapters designated as PCE Brighter Tomorrow Chapters will receive a certificate at their s/p/d convention.



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EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

Legacy Chapter Information

Build on the foundation of our seven founders by becoming an ELF Legacy Chapter. Every generation inherits its legacy, and it is the duty of each generation to add to that legacy. The legacy of the Educational Loan Fund, P.E.O.'s oldest philanthropy, is to support women in their educational pursuits with low interest loans. Now, each local P.E.O. chapter can help build on that legacy with a lump sum gift of \$500. Proceeds from the new Legacy Chapter designation will go toward providing additional ELF loans to outstanding women.

Become an ELF Legacy Chapter

- A chapter that makes a lump sum contribution of \$500 or more will be designated an ELF Legacy Chapter.
 - To receive recognition, the chapter contribution must be received by the s/p/d treasurer or paid assistant by January 31. Chapter checks are not to be sent directly to the Executive Office. (Exception: Hawaii chapters should send their contribution to the International Chapter Treasurer.)
 - Individual contributions of \$500 or more also allow a local chapter to receive recognition as an ELF Legacy Chapter, provided the donor specifies the chapter to be credited on the Individual Donation Form. To be considered a charitable donation, this contribution must be made payable to Educational Loan Fund and be sent to the Executive Office. The deadline for these designated gifts is January 31.

Chapter Recognition

Chapters designated as ELF Legacy Chapters will receive a certificate at their s/p/d convention beginning in 2021. They will also be listed on the Educational Loan Fund pages of the P.E.O. International website.



EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND
LEGACY CHAPTER

STAR SCHOLARSHIP

Constellation Chapter Information

The P.E.O. STAR Constellation Chapter Program offers the opportunity for chapters to further support the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship and promote outstanding young women as they enter colleges and universities. A constellation is commonly defined as “a group of stars that form a pattern and are given a name.” It can also be applied to “any brilliant, outstanding group or assemblage.” Our stellar STAR Scholarship recipients collectively epitomize the latter definition. Now, local P.E.O. chapters also can become part of a stellar constellation.

Become a STAR Constellation Chapter

- A chapter that makes a lump sum contribution of \$500 or more will be designated as a Constellation Chapter.
 - To receive recognition, the chapter contribution must be received by the s/p/d treasurer or paid assistant by January 31. Chapter checks are NOT to be sent directly to the Executive Office. (An exception is that Hawaii chapters should send their contribution to the International Chapter Treasurer.)
- Individual donations of \$500 or more also allow a local chapter to receive recognition as a Constellation Chapter, provided the donor specifies the chapter to be credited on the Individual Donation Form. In order to be considered a charitable donation, this contribution must be made payable to STAR Scholarship and sent to the Executive Office. The deadline for these designated gifts is January 31.

Chapter Recognition

Chapters designated as STAR Constellation Chapters will receive a certificate at their s/p/d convention



SCHOLAR AWARDS

Laureate Chapter Information

The P.E.O. Scholar Awards Laureate Chapter Program is designed to encourage local chapters to promote and support the Scholar Awards project. Because Laureate means “worthy of the greatest honor or distinction” it is a fitting descriptor for our participating chapters.

There are currently two ways to become a Laureate Chapter:

1. A chapter that has nominated a successful Scholar will automatically be designated as a Laureate Chapter for the year of selection!
2. A chapter that makes a lump sum contribution of \$500 or more through their normal process will be designated as a Laureate Chapter! Recognition will be based on contributions received by the end of February each year.

PSA Laureate Chapter donations should be sent to the state/provincial/district (s/p/d) treasurers or paid assistants to be entered on their transmittals. The local chapter submission to the s/p/d treasurer should be postmarked by January 31st. The s/p/d transmittal that includes Laureate Chapter donations must be received at the P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines by February 28/29 to be included and recognized at s/p/d conventions that year. Transmittals with donations for Laureate Chapter designation received in the Des Moines office after February 28/29 will be processed and recognized at the following year's convention.

Individuals who wish to make a contribution of \$500 or more with credit going to their local chapter may submit the contribution directly to the Scholar Awards office, identifying their chapter in the submission. (As always, individual donations may be made through the P.E.O. website with a credit card). If you would like to make an individual donation, please [“click here”](#).

Chapters designated as Laureate Chapters will be acknowledged in a variety of ways:

- Presented with special Laureate Chapter Certificates at s/p/d conventions. (Chapters in subordinate territories will receive Laureate Chapter materials directly).
 - Listed as Laureate Chapters on the PSA website.
- Laureate Chapters will be featured in s/p/d displays, newsletters, emails and other promotions with the assistance of s/p/d Scholar Award chairmen.



INTERNATIONAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Partners in Peace

The Partners in Peace Program provides P.E.O. chapters a way to make a special donation to P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund and have an IPS recipient partnered with them. It offers an opportunity for an IPS recipient to experience the warmth of P.E.O. and learn more about our culture, and for P.E.O.s to learn, not only about the recipient and her studies, but about her homeland as well. A special bond often develops with the student who may become a better ambassador for peace upon returning to her country. Partners in Peace is limited to one chapter per award.

