

## **LAWRENCE P.E.O. SCHOLARSHIP SUPPLEMENT TO GENERAL APPLICATION**

The Lawrence P.E.O. Scholarship is awarded to college-bound senior women in Lawrence, with two winners for Lawrence Free State High School and two for Lawrence High School. Applicants must be citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada and have a 3.5 weighted or unweighted GPA to be considered. Please note applicants from Lawrence Virtual School are considered within the Lawrence public high school boundary area they would attend.

Representatives from the ten local P.E.O. chapters review the applications and select recipients who combine **excellence in the classroom with leadership in the activities they pursue while showing a dedication to higher education. Financial need, unique family circumstances, and work experience will also be considered. In addition, the selection committee looks for women who represent the ideals of P.E.O.**

Seven women studying at Iowa Wesleyan College formed the sisterhood of P.E.O. in 1869. Over the years, P.E.O. moved off college campuses to become a sisterhood promoting education for women and has grown from that tiny membership of seven to almost a quarter of a million members in chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada, with headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. The sisterhood also owns and operates Cottey College for women in Nevada, Missouri.

Friendship is the cornerstone of P.E.O.—it is the legacy left by our Founders, and it thrives in our unique sisterhood. P.E.O. exists as a source of encouragement and support for women to realize their potential in whatever worthwhile endeavor they choose. True to the mission of promoting educational opportunities for women, education continues to be the primary philanthropy of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

### **Directions:**

1. Type or write your information in black ink. Please staple all pieces of the application together. Please do not use abbreviations or acronyms without an explanation.
2. Required materials:
  - a. **this supplement** AND
  - b. **the general application with transcript** AND
  - c. **a one-page letter of reference in a sealed envelope** that describes your character. Please ask those providing references to include a contact email address. Character references might be a teacher at school, an employer or someone from a community service organization for which you have volunteered, your place of worship, or an extracurricular activity. You are welcome to ask any P.E.O. with whom you are well acquainted to write a reference. Character references should be adults within the community rather than from your peer group.
3. The committee will consider neatness, correct spelling and grammar, and complete answers to questions. Answers may be typed or handwritten, but applications that are not legible will not be considered.
4. Return Application to Student Services by **the deadline established by your school.**

## Section 1: Lawrence P.E.O. Scholarship

I give permission for the release of this application, my transcript, and my GPA to the Lawrence P.E.O. Scholarship committee. I have filled out this application on my own, without the help of any other person. I understand that I can be disqualified from consideration if I have not completed this application on my own. I understand to be considered for this scholarship I must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada and have a 3.5 weighted or unweighted GPA.

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Student Signature                      Parent/Guardian Signature                      Date

## Section 2: Applicant information

Applicant Name: (print or type) \_\_\_\_\_

If Lawrence Virtual School, the School Boundary Area: ☐ LHS ☐ LFSHS

Would you like to be contacted about additional P.E.O. scholarships, grants, or low interest loans?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

## Section 3: (Optional) Future Plans

Do you plan to attend an accredited trade or technical school? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Are you the first person in your family to attend post-secondary school? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Are you considering attending Cottey College? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Attach a separate sheet of paper for your responses to the sections 4, 5, and 7 below.**

## Section 4: Academic Awards & Offices Held, Honors, Extracurricular Activities

In addition to the information you provided in Section 4 on the general application, please describe which of the activities you included were the most significant and why they were significant. You may describe up to four activities, but please limit your response to 500 words or fewer.

## Section 5: Applicant Statements

Please describe how you believe you will make a difference or be a positive influence in your community over the next five years in 200 words or fewer.

## Section 6: Parents/Guardian/Family Information

List of **ALL parent(s)/guardian(s)** and the full name of their current employer and job title, dates of employment, and income. If anyone is currently not employed, list the most recent place of employment. If a parent has not been employed, please use this space to clarify the family situation.

Parent/Guardian most recent occupation information		
Name:		
Employer:	Job title:	
Start date:	End date:	Annual income:
Name:		
Employer:	Job title:	
Start date:	End date:	Annual income:
Name:		
Employer:	Job title:	
Start date:	End date:	Annual income:
Name:		
Employer:	Job title:	
Start date:	End date:	Annual income:
Name:		
Employer:	Job title:	
Start date:	End date:	Annual income:

## Section 7 (Optional): Additional Information

If there is additional information you would like the committee to consider when reviewing your application that was not covered above, please explain in 200 words or fewer.