

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

The Lawrence P.E.O. Scholarship is awarded to two graduating senior women in Lawrence, one per public high school. **Applicants must be citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada, and in the top 25% of their class in order to be considered.**

The eleven local P.E.O. chapters review the applications and select the 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 also will 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 to be 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 do not use abbreviations or acronyms without explaining. Please do not use staples. Please use single sided pages only. Please put all required materials in a large envelope.
2. Required materials: (1) this **supplement** and (2) the **general application** with transcript as well as (3) a **one-page letter of reference** that describes your character. *Character references might be a teacher at school, someone from a community service organization for which you have volunteered, an employer, or someone from church or extracurricular activity. You are welcome to ask any P.E.O. with whom you are well acquainted to write a reference.*
3. The committee will consider, neatness, correct spelling and grammar, as well as complete answers to questions. **Applications that are not legible will not be considered.**
4. Return Application to Student Services by **the deadline established by your school.**

Section 7 – Applicant Statements

Please describe how you think you can/will make a difference or be a positive influence in your community over the next five years (50 words or less.)

*If there is additional information you would like the committee to consider in review of your application, please write a one-page letter with further explanation.

