



# P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

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# A STAR is Born...

## Milestones in the History of the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

- 2008** In January, five P.E.O. members appointed by Barbara Andes, president of International Chapter, met in Des Moines to discuss possible ideas for a sixth philanthropy. STAR was born!! Throughout the year, this ad hoc committee completed work on the forms and materials that would be needed to implement and process this scholarship. The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Pilot Project was announced in August.
- 2009** The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship became an official philanthropic project at the 2009 Convention of International Chapter in San Diego.
- 2011** Named and Endowed STAR Scholarship opportunities were created.
- 2012** Beginning in July 2012, applications for the STAR Scholarship were submitted online.
- 2019** The P.E.O. STAR Constellation Chapter recognition program was created.

In just 16 years, the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship has awarded \$22,295,000 to 8,918 graduating women in their final year of high school.

# P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

## Important Dates to Remember

### **August 1, 2024**

This is the earliest date STAR Scholarship funds will be released to the 2024-2025 recipients. To release her funds, the scholarship recipient must login to her application account and complete the **Acceptance of STAR Scholarship**, the **Fall Confirmation of Enrollment**, and the **Direct Deposit** (required only if the student elects to receive scholarship funds directly) sections on her dashboard. Instructions on how to access these sections were emailed to all recipients and their recommending chapter in April 2024.

### **August 1, 2024**

The **Acceptance of STAR Scholarship** section on the 2024-2025 recipient's application dashboard must be completed by August 1, indicating whether or not she will be accepting or declining her scholarship. The scholarship will be forfeited if this obligation is not met. The **Photograph and Publicity Consent Form** section must also be completed by this date.

### **August 6, 2024**

The 10 2024-2025 applicants selected to be alternate recipients, and their recommending chapter, will be notified as to whether or not they will be receiving a STAR Scholarship.

### **August 15 to October 15, 2024**

Chapters must complete and submit the Online Recommendation Form for 2025-2026 applicants.

### **September 30, 2024**

This deadline is for the 2024-2025 STAR recipients. The **Fall Confirmation of Enrollment** sections on the recipient's application dashboard must be completed. The scholarship will be forfeited if this obligation is not met.

### **December 1, 2024**

Funds designated for a named STAR Scholarship must be received by the P.E.O. Executive Office in Des Moines no later than December 1 for the ensuing academic year.

### **January 31, 2025**

This deadline is for the 2024-2025 STAR recipients that elected to receive their scholarship funds directly. The **Spring Confirmation of Enrollment** section on the recipient's application dashboard must be completed. Remaining funds will be forfeited if this obligation is not met.

### **January 31, 2025**

Funds designated for the STAR Scholarship Constellation Chapter program must be sent by the Chapter to their s/p/d Treasurer or paid assistant.

### **April 30, 2025**

Award notification letters for the 2025-2026 applicants have been emailed to all of the recommending chapters and their applicant. Both recipients and non-recipients will receive an award notification email.

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Documents and information available online at [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)

- ★ **Information for Local Chapter Members**
  - Learn about the recommendation process
- ★ **Eligibility Requirements**
- ★ **Local Chapter Recommendation Process**
  - STAR Policies and Procedures
  - STAR Scholarship Recipient Media Kit
- ★ **Application Process**
  - STAR Scholarship Student FAQs
  - STAR Scholarship Tips for Success
  - STAR Policies and Procedures
- ★ **Recipient Listings**
  - 2023-2024 STAR Recipients
  - 2022-2023 STAR Recipients
  - 2021-2022 STAR Recipients
- ★ **Recipient Highlights**
  - Katherine O'Connell
  - Shae Crowder
  - Marjada Tucker
- ★ **Named & Endowed Scholarships**
  - 2023-2024 Named and Endowed STAR Scholarship recipients
- ★ **STAR Scholarship Constellation Chapters**
  - 2023 STAR Constellation Chapters
  - STAR Constellation Chapter Information
- ★ **Resource Library**
  - STAR Scholarship Quality Banner (NEW)
  - STAR Scholarship PowerPoint
  - P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Recipient Media Kit
  - STAR Scholarship Deadlines
  - STAR Scholarship Constellation Chapter Information
  - STAR Scholarship Student FAQs
  - STAR Scholarship Local Chapter FAQs
  - Step-By-Step Guide to Sponsoring a STAR Scholarship Applicant
  - STAR Scholarship Procedures
  - 2023 Projects Program Speaker – Katherine O'Connell
  - 2021 Projects Night Speaker – Shae Crowder
  - STAR Scholarship Flyer (NEW)
  - Project Fact Chart
  - P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Logo
  - STAR Scholarship Tips for Success
  - Named and Endowed STAR Scholarships
  - Instructions for Online Recommendation Form
  - STAR Scholarship S/P/D Chair Kit
  - P.E.O. Projects Promotional Poster

# P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR)

## 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. Local P.E.O. chapters also can become part of a stellar constellation.

Your chapter can become part of the STAR Constellation!

- A chapter that makes a lump sum contribution of \$500 or more is designated as a Constellation Chapter.
- To receive recognition, the chapter contribution must be received by the state, provincial or district chapter (s/p/d) treasurer or executive 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 lump sum 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 P.E.O. Executive Office. The deadline for these designated gifts is January 31.
- Chapters designated as STAR Constellation Chapters receive a certificate at their s/p/d convention. Chapters are also be listed on the STAR pages of the P.E.O. International website.

# **P.E.O. STAR Scholarship (STAR)**

## **Named and Endowed Scholarships**

### **NAMED P.E.O. STAR SCHOLARSHIPS**

A named P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is a one-time scholarship\* presented to a graduating high school woman who meets the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship eligibility requirements. Funds for this scholarship shall be made up of contributions from individuals, chapters or collective gifts.

1. The STAR Scholarship may be named in honor or memory of an individual or chapter.
2. Funds to be designated for a named scholarship must be received by the P.E.O. Executive Office no later than December 1 for the ensuing academic year.
3. Each named STAR scholarship recipient shall be selected by the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Board of Trustees using the same criteria as for the selection of other recipients.
4. Each named STAR scholarship shall be the same amount as other P.E.O. STAR Scholarships awarded in that year.
5. Recipient(s) receiving named scholarships shall be advised of this special designation when the formal announcement of P.E.O. STAR Scholarships is made. The recognition certificate shall reflect this named scholarship designation.

### **ENDOWED P.E.O. STAR SCHOLARSHIPS**

An endowed P.E.O. STAR Scholarship\* shall be a designated scholarship supported by a specially endowed fund held in the P.E.O. Foundation. The principal of this endowed fund shall provide the income for the funding of this P.E.O. STAR Scholarship.

1. An endowed P.E.O. STAR Scholarship may be established in honor or memory of an individual or chapter.
2. The principal of this fund may not be expended.
3. Income only shall be used for scholarships. When the income from the principal is equivalent to the amount designated for a P.E.O. STAR Scholarship, distribution from this fund will be made. Income shall be accrued until that time.
4. Additional contributions may be added to the principal of this fund.
5. Recipients of endowed scholarships shall be selected by the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Board of Trustees using the same criteria as for the selection of other recipients.
6. Each scholarship awarded from an endowed fund shall be the same amount as other P.E.O. STAR Scholarships awarded in that year.
7. Recipient(s) of endowed scholarship(s) shall be advised of this special designation when the formal announcement of the P.E.O. STAR Scholarships is made. The recognition certificate shall reflect the name of the endowed scholarship.

\*A P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is \$2,500

# **P.E.O. STAR Scholarship**

## **Information Form**

The sample form on the following page has been created for connecting potential applicants with P.E.O. chapters looking for young women to recommend for the STAR Scholarship. This form will be emailed to potential applicants by the project supervisor when she is asked for help in locating a P.E.O. chapter. Once the form has been completed and returned, the project supervisor will email the form to the correct s/p/d chair. You will then have the opportunity to help your local chapters find young women to recommend and help them to apply for the STAR Scholarship.

This can be accomplished by either forwarding the form to the P.E.O. chapters that live near the student or by notifying the local chapters that they are welcome to contact you if they would like to recommend someone for the STAR Scholarship.

If you have any questions about this process, please direct them to the STAR project supervisor at [star@peodsm.org](mailto:star@peodsm.org) or (515) 255-3153.

# P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

## Information Form – Potential Applicant Seeking Chapter Recommendation

In response to your inquiry regarding possible consideration for a scholarship from the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship, please complete this form and return it as an attachment to the following email address: [star@peodsm.org](mailto:star@peodsm.org). Incomplete forms and/or nonspecific information will not be considered for forwarding as outlined in the paragraph below.

If you meet each of the eligibility requirements for scholarship application consideration listed on this form, with the exception of a recommendation by a P.E.O. chapter, your information will be forwarded to the STAR chairman in your state/province/district. The chair will attempt to locate a chapter in your area willing to contact you regarding a possible recommendation: **the forwarding of your information does not guarantee a recommendation for a scholarship**. You may or may not receive further contact. If you are contacted by a P.E.O. chapter, eligibility must be reconfirmed by the chapter before the application process may begin.

As a reminder: To protect the privacy of our members, chapter membership information will not be provided to interested applicants who are seeking a chapter recommendation.

Name:

Address:

City: State/Province: Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Phone: - - Email:

Unweighted GPA: Age:

### Eligibility – Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.
- ☐ Is in final year of high school AND will be 20 years of age or under by the end of the calendar year.
- ☐ Has a minimum un-weighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- ☐ Is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- ☐ Plans to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the United States or Canada, full-time or part-time, in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation.

Once you have completed this form, please send it as an email attachment to [star@peodsm.org](mailto:star@peodsm.org). If you have a resume available, you are welcome to send that as well.