

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization) is an international women's organization with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide. There are five active chapters in Aberdeen. This application is for P.E.O. Chapter BX which Lynn Karrigan and Jill Stephenson are members.

Note: An eligible student may contact any P.E.O. local chapters of their choice. (Information may be found on the P.E.O. International website.) Each chapter has their own selection process and deadlines.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is a HIGHLY competitive one-time \$2,500 scholarship recognizing graduating high school senior women. This past year, over 900 scholarships were awarded.

Eligibility:

- Exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.
- Has a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Will be in the final academic year (senior year) of her secondary education in 2023-2024 and is 20 years of age or under at the end of the calendar year.
- Is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada.
- Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the United States or Canada full-time or part-time in the fall of the academic year following high school graduation.
- Is recommended by and receives the vote of a local P.E.O. chapter. (Each chapter may recommend one woman per school calendar year.)
- The applicant will be evaluated on a nondiscriminatory basis without consideration of race, national origin, religious affiliation, disability or P.E.O. connection.

Instructions for Aberdeen high school female students:

Please send an email with the attached form and the other required documents no later than 10:00 P.M. on **September 15, 2023**. Your information is to be sent both to Lynn Karrigan, lkarrigan@abe.midco.net and Jill Stephenson, jystephenson@gmail.com. You may call Jill Stephenson at 605-290-6201 with any questions.

Our P.E.O. Chapter's STAR Scholarship Committee will select one student within a few weeks after the deadline. Our chapter will send its nomination to the national organization introducing and explaining her outstanding qualities and achievements. We may need to meet with our nominee in person or visit with her by phone to aid us in submitting the best nomination possible.

After P.E.O. International receives the chapter's nomination of their selected student, the student will then receive an email with instructions to further complete her portion of the application process. The applicant will receive a link from P.E.O. International requesting the following items **within 30 calendar days**: a Student Profile; a Student Activities Chart; an original essay not to exceed 700 words on an assigned topic; two reference letters; and an unofficial high school transcript (through the 11th grade/junior year.) You will be notified by April, 2024 as to whether or not you have been selected to receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

P.E.O STAR Scholarship – Chapter BX

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

High School: _____

Birthdate: _____ Are you an U.S. citizen: _____

About You:

1. Three words that you feel describes you:

2. Tell about an experience you had in high school that helped shape you (could be a struggle, an accomplishment, or an opportunity for personal growth):

IMPORTANT: Please submit this information sheet via email (addresses and deadline found on the previous instructions.) Also attach the following two documents:

- Make a personal list by detailing activities, leadership positions and community service.
- Unofficial High School Transcript (end of junior year)

Thank you for your interest!