

# P.E.O. Projects Educate Women

"It is worth repeating that only those nominated can win."

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## P.E.O. International Awards

### **STAR Scholarship**

- High school senior with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- One candidate only per chapter each year
- Chapter submits online application ONLY between **August 15 and October 15**
- Nominee has 30 days to complete application

### **PSA (P.E.O. Scholar Awards)**

- Citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada
- Pursuing a doctoral level degree (i.e. PhD, MD, JD, DDS, DMA, DVM)
- Within two years of degree completion with at least one academic year remaining
- Merit Award
- Chapter online nominations accepted from **August 20 and November 20**

### **PCE (Program for Continuing Education)**

- At least 24 consecutive months as a non-student in adult life
- Enrolled in a certification or degree program (not a doctoral degree program)
- Within 18 consecutive months of program completion
- One-time only, need-based grant awarded for academic, technical or online courses
- **Apply no less and 8 weeks prior to start of term for which grant is requested**
- **Considered no more than 14 weeks in advance of start term date**
- Online application

### **ELF (Educational Loan Fund)**

- High school diploma or equivalent
- U.S./Canadian citizen or legal permanent resident
- Applicant must have a minimum credit score of 625
- Application submitted within six to 24 months prior to stated graduation or course completion date
- For non-degree accredited program (tech), undergraduate, master's or doctoral degrees
- Loan amounts vary by course level
- Current interest rate of 2%; 6 months grace period after graduation before repayment begins; no deferment if studies continue
- Repayment time of 8-10 years depending on loan amount
- Requires two qualified co-signers; minimum 650 credit scores required of each co-signer
- Online submission only for chapter recommendation and applicant application
- **Applications processed year-round**

# More Ways P.E.O. Projects Educate Women

## P.E.O. International Awards, cont.

### **IPS (International Peace Scholarship)**

- Citizen of a country other than the United States or Canada
- Graduate student or student attending Cottey College
- Need-based scholarship (not for research, internships or practical training)
- Student will return to their country within 60 days of degree completion
- Eligibility form completed online between **September 15 and December 15**

### **Cottey College**

- Ambitious women seeking a 2- or 4-year degree
- Oklahoma State Chapter P.E.O. Scholarships available
- Scholarships, financial aid and grants available through the college
- Admission process and information at: [www.cottey.edu](http://www.cottey.edu)

## Oklahoma P.E.O. Projects

### **OPFEG (Oklahoma Projects Fund Education Grant)**

- Oklahoma resident and a United States citizen
- For academic or technical classes (must have completed at least one semester post-secondary)
- Oklahoma chapters may sponsor one applicant per application period and commit to provide meaningful financial and emotional support
- **Application due dates: January 1, April 1 and August 1**
- Need-based grant with a maximum of \$1,500
- Maximum of two grants in recipient's academic career (12 months between awards)

### **OCE (Oklahoma Program for Continuing Education)**

- Oklahoma resident and a United States citizen
- Sponsored by an Oklahoma chapter
- Has had an interruption in education of at least 24 consecutive months in adult life
- Must be within 24 consecutive months of course completion
- Not available for doctoral programs including law, medical or clinical
- Maximum one-time grant award of \$1,500

### **OCS (Oklahoma Cottey Scholarships)**

- Oklahoma resident and sponsored by an Oklahoma chapter
- Application forms are mailed by the OSC chair after the first of the year to all Oklahoma students accepted by Cottey College.
- Scholarship amounts vary and may be obtained each year of Cottey attendance
- **Deadline for receipt of online application is February 15.**