

P.E.O. PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION



P.E.O. PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION, ESTABLISHED IN 1973, IS A GRANT PROGRAM PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN WHOSE EDUCATION HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED AND WHO FIND IT NECESSARY TO RESUME STUDIES DUE TO CHANGING DEMANDS IN THEIR LIVES. THEY MUST HAVE A NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES TO IMPROVE THEIR MARKETABLE SKILLS.

GRANT

When a grant is approved, the check is mailed to the sponsoring chapter to be presented personally to the recipient.

The maximum grant is \$2,000. Lesser amounts may be awarded according to individual needs and available funds. Regardless of the amount awarded, the grant is for one time only.

The money is intended as a grant-in-aid for expenses such as tuition, books, transportation, or childcare, necessary to reach the applicant's educational goal. The grant is not to be used for living expenses or to repay educational loans.

ELIGIBILITY

A WOMAN IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE P.E.O. PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDED SHE:

- Is sponsored by a P.E.O. chapter
- Is a citizen of the United States or Canada
- Is studying in the United States or Canada
- Has had at least 24 consecutive months as a non-student sometime in her adult life
- Is within 24 consecutive months of completing her educational goal
- Is not enrolled in a doctoral degree program, e.g., educational, law, medical or clinical

Grants may be awarded for academic or technical courses.

APPLICATION

Applications for grants must be made through a P.E.O. chapter. Current application forms and materials are available from the P.E.O. Executive Office; from the state, provincial, or district chairman of the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education; or from the official P.E.O. website: peointernational.org.

CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP

When a local chapter identifies a prospective applicant, the local chairman of the Program for Continuing Education will arrange an interview to determine eligibility. If the chapter approves sponsorship, the local chairman oversees the completion of the following:

- Application Form from the applicant
- Income and Expense Statement completed by the applicant, clearly indicating her financial situation
- Chapter Recommendation Form and letter from the sponsoring chapter giving insights into the applicant's life situation, goals, needs, and financial resources

Completed materials are to be sent in one mailing to the P.E.O. Executive Office. Applications will be considered no more than four months prior to date of need on the application form. All forms must be received ten weeks prior to the beginning of the term for which the grant is requested.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, *contact*:

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