

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 RETURN TO SCHOOL TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND/OR THEIR FAMILIES. THEY MUST DEMONSTRATE A NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES TO IMPROVE THEIR MARKETABLE SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

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 \$3,000. 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 or to cover the cost of prerequisite courses.

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
- Is enrolled in an educational program leading to employment or job advancement

Grants may be awarded for academic or technical courses.

APPLICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

When a local chapter identifies a prospective applicant, the chapter's P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education chairman will arrange an interview to determine eligibility. If the chapter approves sponsorship, the chairman will complete and submit the PCE Eligibility Form through the official P.E.O. website: peointernational.org

Eligibility must be established before the electronic application materials will be available to both the sponsoring chapter and the applicant. The local chapter chairman oversees the electronic application process which includes portions to be completed by both the sponsoring chapter and the applicant.

Applications will be considered no more than four months prior to date of need as specified on the PCE Eligibility Form. All required forms are completed online and submitted in one electronic mailing through the P.E.O. website. Completed applications must be received ten weeks prior to the beginning of the term for which the grant is requested.

The Board of Trustees of the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education will evaluate applications on a nondiscriminatory basis without consideration of race, national origin, religious affiliation, or disability, with the primary consideration being the applicant's demonstrated overall need for assistance.

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