

PEO CHAPTER AT - STAR SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,500)

September 6, 2023

Dear Class of 2024 Female students:

If you are interested in applying for the PEO Star Scholarship for 2024, you must begin the process now.

A letter indicating your interest in being considered for this prestigious \$2500.00 scholarship needs to be sent to the local School Board Office by **Friday, September 29th**.

The letter needs to describe your school and community service involvement; your individual area of talent in Athletics, Fine Arts (or both); and must be accompanied by a grade 11 transcript of marks.

The letter needs to identify what grade 12 courses you will be studying for your grade 12 year, and what your future post secondary academic plans are for 2024-2025.

Please list two personal references with contact information.

If you are selected as the nominee for our PEO Chapter, you must be prepared to complete an online application. The nominee application form includes all the previous information you will have given our Chapter, **plus** an essay.

A successful applicant will receive the \$2,500. once proof of post secondary acceptance is sent to the national PEO committee next spring.

We look forward to receiving your application by **Friday, September 29, 2023**.

Make sure your phone contact and email address are included in your application.

**You or your school counsellor needs to forward your application to the Kamloops-Thompson School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC V2C 3X7.
Attention: Mrs. Dana Heyman. Superintendent's Office.**

Sincerely,

Heather Heron
PEO Chapter AT – Star Scholarship Committee



Principal or Grade 12 Scholarship Chair

Name of School

Address

Dear Principal _____ or Grade 12 Scholarship Chair _____,

P.E.O. is an international philanthropy with a mission to assist women in the pursuit of their academic dreams. P.E.O. offers \$2,500 STAR scholarships to graduating women in their final year of high school. **Last year, over 900 scholarships were awarded.** We would appreciate your help in identifying the stellar women in your Grade 12 class who are eligible to apply for this exceptional opportunity.

Applicants will work with P.E.O. Chapter AT\BC and we will provide a recommendation and support the online application process. Note that the Chapter recommendation form for STAR applicants must be submitted online between August 15 to October 15. We therefore need to identify eligible candidates **no later than September 30, 2023.**

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship – Established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional women in their final year of high school to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year.

Who is a STAR?

A woman is eligible to be recommended for a STAR scholarship if she exhibits leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success. Note that all candidates must be citizens or legal permanent residents of Canada or the U.S.

- **Leadership:** Leadership opportunities can be found in a student's life both inside and outside school, even within the home. Examples include team captain, club officer, group leader, mentor, community service organizer, as well as being chosen to represent her community or school at conferences or other events.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Extracurricular activities are also found both inside and outside school. The student's participation in extracurriculars should be sustained for at least two years during her time in high school.
- **Community Service:** The student should include ALL volunteer hours for EACH year she is involved in a Community Service activity while in high school. Working with students, the elderly, animals, nonprofit organizations, starting her own non-profit, are all examples of STAR community service. Does she look after an aging grandparent, help with a parent battling a

health challenge, provide after school childcare (without being paid) for a younger sibling?
These are also examples of Community service; all are nonpaying activities of service to others.

- Each applicant will be required to submit an essay. This is an opportunity for the student to make an impression. The STAR Scholarship is highly competitive and this is the student's opportunity to stand out and be recognized.
- References: Each applicant will also provide two personal references from people who know her well, but are NOT family members.

I am very much looking forward to receiving the names of your recommended applicant(s). Other schools in the district will be sending names as well. The chapter will contact each nominee for an interview and will select one as our applicant for the award prior to the **October 15 deadline**. If the remaining nominees are willing, their names can be shared with other BC chapters who are wanting to select applicants. Once a recommendation is submitted, the student will receive a link to the online application. She will have **30 days** following receipt of the link from International to complete her application.

Thank you very much for your assistance in recommending outstanding Grade 12 women in your school for this opportunity.

HEATHER HERON

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A woman is eligible to be recommended for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship provided she:

- 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
- Is in the final academic year of her secondary education and is 20 years of age or under at the end of the calendar year
- Is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the U.S. or Canada
- Plans to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. 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
- The applications of individuals who satisfy these eligibility criteria will be evaluated on a nondiscriminatory basis without consideration of race, age, national origin, religious affiliation, disability or P.E.O. connection.



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