



**Marguerite Scholarship  
Committee  
PEO Chapter FM, Missouri**

Dear Applicant,

You have been invited to apply for a **"Marguerite Scholarship"** which is sponsored and created by P.E.O. Chapter FM, Missouri. Each year our chapter awards Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to qualifying Female High School Seniors. Unlike many other scholarships, our focus is on Citizenship & Community Service.

Due to our high volume of applications, we ask you to submit your application (with all the required documents attached) in **ONE EMAIL ONLY!** This can eliminate any possible misunderstanding or loss of information that could disqualify you. **Applications (with all required documents) are due February 28, 2023, and should be sent to [peoflora@gmail.com](mailto:peoflora@gmail.com)**

However, our chapter is just a small part of our organization. Feel free to read the following for an explanation of our organization, and our mission.

What began with a bond of friendship among seven women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America with close to 6,000 chapters.

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) has been celebrating women helping women reach for the stars for more than 150 years. Since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit organization has helped more than 116,000 women pursue educational goals by providing over \$383 million in grants, scholarships awards and loans. The sisterhood also owns and supports "Cottey College." Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than a half million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education, while supporting and motivating them. In addition, to the educational Philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members.

To learn more about P.E.O., and its other powerful educational philanthropies and see stories of women who have benefited from these programs, you may wish to visit our website at [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)

Best Wishes,  
Flora Payne  
Marguerite Scholarship Committee Chair  
PEO Chapter FM, Missouri

*Women Helping Women Reach for the Stars*

**Marguerite Scholarship Fund  
P.E.O Chapter FM, Missouri  
Application Check List**

**NOTE: This is a 4-page packet. If you do not have all the pages, please request the missing pages, otherwise you will not have the full information needed for a successful application.**

**Keep the Final page for your future reference.**

**THE RECIPIENT MUST MEET THE 3 FOLLOWING REQUIRMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIGIBILITY:**

- U.S. Citizen or Legal Permanent resident of the U.S. or Canada
- is a female High School Senior, 20 years of age or under, at the end of the academic year
- is planning to attend an accredited postsecondary institution or technical/vocational school full time.

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For an application to be considered complete it must be accompanied by the following information:

- ☐ a copy of your unofficial High School transcript to verify a 3.0 GPA or higher (based on 4.0 unweighted system).
- ☐ evidence of significant contribution to your school and/or community that shows active involvement and participation in one or more: School-sponsored clubs, sports, or extracurricular activities; church; youth organizations; community volunteer service along with the sponsor's verification.
- ☐ Three (3) letters of recommendation. Your reference letters should be written on school or company letterhead and include contact information (should our committee need to contact your reference writer with questions).
- ☐ Personal Essay: Your Essay will help us get to know you. It will demonstrate what you have accomplished in high school, what you are hoping to accomplish in college and beyond, and why you are seeking our scholarship. We will be looking for thoughtful, thorough, reflective answers that use appropriate grammar and spelling. This essay is what will help distinguish you from other equally high achieving students.

Your essay (of approximately 1,000 words) should demonstrate your ability to develop and communicate your thoughts by answering the following questions:

1. How have your current academics helped you plan your college academic goals?
2. How have your extra-curricular activities, community service and employment helped you in developing leadership skills? How has your leadership impacted your school and community?
3. Thoughtfully describe a person who inspires and motivates you. And why?
4. Describe an experience or event that has influenced your life? And why?
5. What are your interests? (What do you pursue and enjoy doing in your spare time? What drives your hopes and dreams?)
6. What do you envision doing in 5 years and beyond? Possible career aspiration.



Chapter FM, Missouri Marguerite Scholarship Fund Application

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Please Print

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 Digits SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a female and U.S. Citizen or legal Permanent resident of US or Canada? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know any P.E.O. members? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, please explain who and your relationship)

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Name of Current High School:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your current guidance counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of your High School graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

List other high schools, summer schools and academic programs *not* listed on your transcript following 8th grade graduation:

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Please list any academic or educational awards and honors you received in high school (including but not limited to National Merit, National Honor Society, Bright Flight, internships, or leadership programs etc.):

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Extra-Curricular Activities: School related activities such as yearbook, sports, choir, etc. (Note: Signed Verification from sponsor required.)

Activity	Grade	Position or Involvement	Years or Hr. per wk.	Skills or Accomplishments
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____


**Volunteer Information:** volunteer work Outside of school. Ex: Charities, Community Service Projects, church, or other organizations. (NOTE: Signed verification from sponsors required.)

Activity	Grade	Position/involvement	Service Hours	Skills/accomplishments

**Employment information:**

Employer:	Job Description	Dates of employment	Hr. per week

Name and address of School you plan to attend:


Term Begin Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Possible Major: \_\_\_\_\_

For what purpose is the scholarship desired (e.g., Tuition, Books, fees):

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The P.E.O. Scholarship Committee may contact references and follow up on information provided in this profile.

Signature:

Applicant

Date

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