

September 10, 2020

This letter is to share information regarding a scholarship offered by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, an international philanthropic educational organization that celebrates the advancement of women.

The P.E.O. **Star Scholarship** provides a \$2500 award to high school senior women who wish to pursue post-secondary education. P.E.O. has several local chapters in the Salina area, of which I represent Chapter B.W. Each local chapter can recommend only ONE female senior each year for consideration for this national scholarship.

Members of our local BW scholarship committee will interview qualified candidates on October 6. We feel that this is an excellent opportunity for students to gain interview experience in a supportive environment. The student that is selected in this process will complete the process to compete for the National \$2500 award. If the student nominated by Chapter BW for the National award does not receive the National scholarship, she will receive a smaller scholarship directly from Chapter BW.

Student **Eligibility Criteria** for the Star Scholarship:

- Exhibits excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success.
- Less than 20 years of age by application deadline
- In the final academic year (senior year) of secondary education at the time of application deadline
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or Canada
- Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary institution in the United States or Canada full-time or part-time in the fall of the academic year after graduation

Completed applications **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2020.**

Qualified students will be notified of their selection for an interview by September 28 with interviews to occur on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

For more information and to apply online go to: <http://peostarscholar.squarespace.com>

Last year, P.E.O. International received more than 1600 applications from local chapters all over the country, they awarded 105 of these \$2500 scholarships. This is a highly competitive process.

Our chapter is very interested in encouraging young women in their goals of post-secondary education. Thank you for encouraging your students to apply for this scholarship opportunity.

If you have any questions please contact the Counselor Alta Smutz.