



# Gail and Phil Hines Memorial Scholarship



Submission deadline is February 1, 2026

## Scholarship Purpose

- To benefit female high school graduates in the Albuquerque, New Mexico greater metropolitan area
- The scholarship will be a maximum of \$1,000.00.
- The scholarship may be used for tuition, books, housing, or fees.

## Scholarship Eligibility

The Applicant:

- Must be a female senior student of a greater Albuquerque area high school
- Must have a high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must enroll as a student in a 2 or 4 year college the fall semester after graduation
- Must be a US citizen or permanent legal resident

## Important Factors in the Scholarship Selection:

Judging criteria includes:

- Unique character or distinguishing attributes and abilities
- Scholastic ability
- Participation in extracurricular activities
- Potential to succeed at college studies
- Writing accuracy, legibility and correct completion of application

## About P.E.O.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization in which women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate each other to achieve their highest aspirations. Founded in 1869 by seven female students at Iowa Wesleyan College, P.E.O. has been historically recognized as one of our nation's pioneering societies for women. Today, P.E.O. has grown from that tiny membership of seven to almost a quarter of a million members in chapters in the United States and Canada. The P.E.O. Sisterhood is passionate about its mission: promoting educational opportunities for women. Our sisterhood proudly makes a difference in women's lives with six philanthropies that include ownership of a private women's college, Cottey College, and five programs that provide higher educational assistance.

Information about P.E.O. scholarships is attached at the end of this application and can also be found at <http://www.peointernational.org/>

This scholarship is in memory of Gail and Phil Hines. Gail Hines was an active member and President of P.E.O. Chapter L in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



## Scholarship Application Process

Copy/paste link below into browser to download application. Complete the Application, which can be found at [https:// bit.ly/PEO\\_HinesScholarship](https://bit.ly/PEO_HinesScholarship)  
Completed applications must be sent to: [PEONMChapterL@gmail.com](mailto:PEONMChapterL@gmail.com)

## Application Requirements

**Application deadline: February 1, 2026**

1. Applicant Information and Scholarship Affidavit
2. Statement of Intentions, Goals and Accomplishments
3. Alignment with P.E.O. essay **200-400 words**
4. Two Letters of Recommendation
5. Official High School Transcripts requested and sent before the **February 1, 2026** deadline

## Application Requirement Checklist:

Before submitting the application, review and check the following points to ensure complete understanding of the scholarship application, deadline, and eligibility requirements.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is complete and all materials are provided. Applications that are incomplete or for which the applicant has not carefully followed instructions will not be considered.

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email from the applicant with this completed application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two letters of recommendation emailed by the individuals writing the letters.
<input type="checkbox"/>	One sealed official high school transcript sent via postal mail
<input type="checkbox"/>	High School Information emailed by school official





## Requirement 1: Applicant Information and Scholarship Affidavit

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Full Legal Name:	
Permanent Physical Address:	
Primary Phone Number:	
Primary Email Address:	
Date of Birth:	
US Citizenship/Legal Residency	By checking this box, the candidate certifies she is a US citizen or permanent legal resident in the US. <input type="checkbox"/>
Documentation of US Citizenship/Legal Residency	By checking this box, the candidate certifies, if asked, she can document her US citizenship or legal residency. <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>School Information</b>	
Current High School:	
Current High School Address:	
Cumulative Unweighted GPA:	
ACT/SAT Composite Score:	
College to be Attended:	
Anticipated Major:	
<b>Signatures and Acknowledgements</b>	
By typing your name below, you are affirming that the application packet is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.	
The recipient of the award is expected to be present to receive the scholarship during a meeting of Chapter L and may bring a guest.	
Signature:	
Date:	



## Requirement 2: Intentions, Goals, and Accomplishments

Please use complete names of organizations and awards, length or involvement, or dates awards received. Do not use abbreviations or acronyms. **Please limit your response to no more than 2 pages.**

Extra Curricular Activities:	
Employment:	
Philanthropic Activities/Community Service	
Special Interests:	
Awards:	
Educational Goals:	
Summarize in 100 words or less how the above experiences have prepared you for your higher educational intentions.	



### Requirement 3:

#### Alignment with P.E.O. Essay

Please write a brief essay **between 200-400 words** in response to the prompt below. The essay should be double-spaced, typed/word processed, or included in the space below. **Do not** use abbreviations or acronyms in your essay.

Prompt:	<p>Understanding that P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization that seeks to support, advance, and encourage women to realize their potential in whatever worthwhile endeavor they choose.</p> <p>Using what you have learned from the resources in the application and the P.E.O. Mission and goals from <a href="http://www.peointernational.org">www.peointernational.org</a></p> <p>In 200-400 words, detail how your goals, activities, and experiences have shaped your character to align with the P.E.O. Mission.</p>
Response:	



## Requirement 4: Letters of Recommendation

The applicant should provide two letters of recommendation. These letters should discuss the applicant's character, academic ability and potential to successfully perform college-level work.

One letter **must** be from a teacher at the applicant's high school, preferably within the last two years. The other may be from a teacher, advisor, coach, or school administrator at the applicant's high school.

The applicant should ask each individual who writes a recommendation letter to email the letter as an attachment to [PEONMChapterL@gmail.com](mailto:PEONMChapterL@gmail.com) with the applicant's full name in the subject line of the email.

<i>Letter of Recommendation 1</i>	
<i>Recommender Name:</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<i>Recommender Position:</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<i>Date Requested:</i>	Click or tap to enter a date.

<i>Letter of Recommendation 2</i>	
<i>Recommender Name:</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<i>Recommender Position:</i>	Click or tap here to enter text.
<i>Date Requested:</i>	Click or tap to enter a date.

## Requirement 5: Official Transcript

Applicant must request an official high school transcript be sent to the address below by the submission deadline **of February 1, 2026.**

PEO Gail & Phil Hines Memorial Scholarship  
c/o Goldie L Mitchell  
7109 Gladden Ave NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

**Applications must be submitted by February 1, 2026.**





# P.E.O. Philanthropic Projects Fact Chart

For current facts and forms, go to [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org)



	Cottey College	Educational Loan Fund (ELF)	International Peace Scholarship (IPS)
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High school girls should have a minimum grade point average of 2.6 and a 21 ACT or 970 SAT score</li> <li>International applicants must have a minimum score of 68 overall and 17 for all sub-scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) internet-based test (ibt) or an overall International English Usage Testing System (IEUTS) band score of 5.5</li> <li>Transfer applicants should have a minimum grade point average of 2.6 in at least 12 hours of college-level (non-remedial) coursework</li> <li>A focus on women's leadership and social responsibility makes Cottey ideal for ambitious girls and women to succeed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended by a P.E.O. chapter with a favorable voice vote on the amount of the loan</li> <li>Citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada and resides in the United States or Canada</li> <li>Submits application within six to 24 months prior to stated graduation or course completion date</li> <li>Accepted in an accredited U.S. or Canadian postsecondary institution</li> <li>Has a high school diploma or equivalent</li> <li>Meets the minimum credit score of 625</li> <li>Does not exceed the indebtedness limit for degree level</li> <li>Has two qualified cosigners for the loan</li> <li>Needs financial assistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizen of country other than United States or Canada</li> <li>Graduate student or student attending Cottey College</li> <li>Eligibility information and form are available to students on the P.E.O. International website</li> </ul>
<b>Grant, Loan, Scholarship, Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic applicants are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and international applicants must complete the CSS Profile</li> <li>Institutional scholarships available include merit, need-based, athletic, and fine arts</li> <li>P.E.O. scholarships and awards</li> <li>Federal grants based on need</li> <li>Loans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loans available to qualified women who desire a higher education and are in need of financial assistance</li> <li>Maximum loan is \$12,000 (USD) for a non-degree accredited program, an associate or bachelor's degree; \$15,000 (USD) for a master's degree; and \$20,000 (USD) for a doctoral degree</li> <li>The current interest rate is 2%</li> <li>Online programs at accredited schools will be considered</li> <li>Internships or study abroad included in an accredited U.S. or Canadian degree program may be eligible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship based upon demonstrated need</li> <li>Maximum \$12,500 scholarship</li> </ul>
<b>Renewals and Financial Aid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contingent upon meeting renewal requirements and eligibility of funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First loan must be repaid in full before second loan application is considered</li> <li>Procedure for second loan is the same as for the original loan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A recipient is eligible to apply for one renewal of her scholarship</li> </ul>
<b>Contract</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students submit a tuition deposit prior to May 1 to secure a place in the upcoming fall class, which is credited to students' accounts upon enrollment</li> <li>Students sign Cottey College Honor Code</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple interest accrual begins upon stated graduation date and billed annually</li> <li>Monthly payments begin six months following stated graduation date</li> <li>Loans up to \$15,000 due eight years from stated graduation date; loans greater than \$15,000 due 10 years from stated graduation date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student will return to a country outside of the U.S. or Canada within 60 days of completing her degree program (VISA status permitting), unless approved for optional practical training</li> </ul>
<b>Application Forms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application for admission can be found at <a href="http://cottey.edu/admission/apply">cottey.edu/admission/apply</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online submission only</li> <li>Online Chapter Recommendation Form must be submitted to the P.E.O. Executive Office at least six months prior to the candidate's graduation or course completion date</li> <li>Once Chapter Recommendation Form and Letter are complete and candidate eligibility confirmed, online instructions and link are sent to student</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If eligibility is established, the applicant will receive instructions and a link to the online application</li> </ul>
<b>Application Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application for admission</li> <li>Official high school transcript or GED certificate</li> <li>Standardized test scores</li> <li>Personal statement and/or teacher recommendation may be requested</li> <li>\$20 non-refundable application fee</li> <li>Official college transcripts, whether or not credit was received</li> <li>Official ACT or SAT test scores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant must agree to all loan terms</li> <li>Two adult cosigners must meet the minimum credit score of 650</li> <li>Each installment requires a separate promissory note. Borrower and cosigners must sign, notarize and return each note before the check is issued</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application material</li> <li>Four recommendations (three for renewals)</li> <li>Confirmation of admission to graduate study</li> <li>Round-trip or return travel expense guaranteed to home country upon completion of student's terminal degree program</li> <li>Transcripts, if applicable</li> </ul>
<b>Time to Apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early as Cottey College admits students on a rolling, or ongoing, basis until capacity is reached</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications are processed year-round</li> <li>Applicant must be within six to 24 months of graduation or course completion date to receive funds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed Eligibility Form must be submitted online between September 15 and December 15</li> </ul>
<b>Sponsor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local chapter, by voice vote</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
<b>Special Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Named one of the best in the Midwest by <i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i> and Best Value Schools</li> <li>Listed in College Affordability Guide</li> <li>Recognized on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll</li> <li>Accredited bachelor and associate degree programs</li> <li>Located in Nevada, Missouri</li> <li>Cottey College pays airfare/lodging for a week-long, sophomore-level European city excursion</li> <li>Annual week-long summer workshop in June for high school girls who just completed their sophomore or junior year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loans approved will not exceed amount recommended by sponsoring chapter</li> <li>Monies received from the Educational Loan Fund shall not be used for debt reduction (educational, personal, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners in Peace is limited to single chapters. A gift of at least \$500 must be sent with the Partners in Peace Form for a chapter to be partnered with an IPS recipient</li> <li>Named scholarships are available with the receipt of donations equal to the scholarship amount</li> </ul>







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	Program for Continuing Education (PCE)	P.E.O. Scholars Awards (PSA)	STAR Scholarship
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended by a P.E.O. chapter</li> <li>Enrolled in a certification or degree program; not a doctoral degree program</li> <li>Citizen or legal permanent resident of United States or Canada</li> <li>Studying and living in U.S. or Canada for entire course of study</li> <li>At least 24 consecutive months as a non-student sometime in her adult life</li> <li>Within 24 consecutive months of completing her educational program which, at the conclusion, will lead to employment or job advancement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizen or legal permanent resident of United States or Canada</li> <li>Nominated by a local chapter</li> <li>Pursuing a doctoral level degree</li> <li>Must be within two years of degree completion, with at least one academic year remaining from the date the first award payment is made (August 1)</li> <li>Full-time enrollment at an accredited U.S. or Canadian college or university</li> <li>Priority to women well established in their program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success</li> <li>Minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>In the final academic year (senior year) of secondary education and is 20 years of age or under at the end of the calendar year</li> <li>Citizen or legal permanent resident of United States or Canada</li> <li>Plans to attend an accredited U.S. or Canadian postsecondary institution, full- or part-time, in fall of the academic year after graduation</li> <li>Recommended by a P.E.O. chapter</li> </ul>
<b>Grant, Loan, Scholarship, Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides grants to women whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to complete a degree or certification that will improve their marketable skills for employment to support themselves and/or their families</li> <li>One-time only need-based grants awarded for academic, technical or online courses</li> <li>To be used only for educational expenses (e.g., tuition, books, supplies, transportation, childcare while in class, required uniforms, testing fees and equipment/tools)</li> <li>Maximum \$3,000 grant; lesser amounts may be requested and/or awarded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highly-competitive \$15,000 award</li> <li>Merit award, recognizing academic excellence, achievements and potential; not based on financial need</li> <li>Potential to make a positive impact on society</li> <li>Scholars notified by May 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$2,500 scholarship</li> <li>Recipients will be notified by April 30</li> </ul>
<b>Renewals and Financial Aid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
<b>Contract</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full time in program</li> <li>Confirmation of enrollment</li> <li>Use funds for necessary expenses incurred while pursuing the doctoral degree</li> <li>Periodic progress reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation of enrollment required</li> </ul>
<b>Application Forms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online/electronic submission only</li> <li>Full instructions for local chapter are posted on PCE portion of the P.E.O. International website</li> <li>Once eligibility is established and Chapter Recommendation Form and Letter are complete, online instructions and link are sent to applicant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online instructions and link sent to nominee from P.E.O. Executive Office upon receipt of Chapter Nomination Form and Letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Submission: Chapter Recommendation Form and instructions are available on the P.E.O. International website</li> <li>Recommended students are emailed a link with instructions to set up an online account to submit application</li> </ul>
<b>Application Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter Recommendation Form and Letter</li> <li>Application Form</li> <li>Income and Expense Statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Form</li> <li>Written proposal</li> <li>Original transcripts</li> <li>Three recommendations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Chapter Recommendation Form and Letter</li> <li>Online Student Profile Form, Activity Charts and Essay</li> <li>Two letters of reference</li> <li>Unofficial high school transcript through 11th grade (junior year)</li> <li>Province conversion grading scale from Canadian applicants</li> </ul>
<b>Time to Apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A chapter recommendation must be submitted no less than 10 weeks prior to the start term date for which the grant is requested</li> <li>However, a recommendation cannot be accepted more than four months in advance of the start term date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online nominations from local chapters accepted from August 20 to November 20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online Submission:</li> <li>Chapter recommendations must only be submitted between September 1 and November 1</li> <li>Required student application items are due no later than 30 days after the student link with application instructions has been sent</li> </ul>
<b>Sponsor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local chapter, by voice vote</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local chapter, by voice vote</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local chapter, by voice vote</li> </ul>
<b>Special Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gifts of \$3,000 entitle the donor to designate a PCE Named Grant as an honorarium or memorial</li> <li>Endowed awards are available when earnings on an endowment equal the award amount</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Named awards are available with the receipt of donations equaling the award amount</li> <li>Endowed awards are available when earnings on an endowment equal the award amount</li> <li>The local chapter is designated as a Laureate Chapter for nominating a successful scholar or making a lump-sum contribution of \$500</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds must be used in the next academic year or be forfeited</li> <li>Chapter submits Cotter Interest Form</li> <li>Limit of one applicant per chapter per year</li> <li>Named scholarships are available with the receipt of donations equaling the award amount</li> <li>Endowed scholarships are available and will be awarded when earnings equal the award amount</li> </ul>

