

**Gertrude Chamberlain Scholarship  
P.E.O. Foundation, P.E.O. Chapter I  
\$1000**

**Submit application to High School Counselor by February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Niobrara County Female resident or graduate of Niobrara County School District.
2. Must have a GPA of 3.50 or above.
3. Enrolled (or planning to enroll) as a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours) in a degree program in any accredited or licensed institution.

Application Requirements:

1. Write a letter including the following:
  - A. Description of personal interest, attitude, and character
  - B. Rank in class
  - C. GPA
  - D. ACT or SAT score
  - E. Extra-curricular activities, leadership, and community involvement, (ex: job, church, 4H, etc.)
  - F. Need for financial assistance
  - G. Describe the institution enrolled in or planning to enroll
  - H. Ultimate goals for the next few years.
2. Must have 2 letters of recommendation.
3. Must include a current signed unofficial transcript
4. Must include a cover page with photo of applicant
5. All letters must be original and signed by the applicant.

Evaluation of Applications:

1. The Chapter I Scholarship Committee will choose a recipient and one alternate.
2. Applications will be judged on the following criteria and up to the committee's discretion:
  - Scholarship – 40%
  - Leadership – 20%
  - Activities – 20%
  - PEO Committee considerations – 20%
3. The committee will meet and discuss the applications and decide on a Recipient and Alternate. The Recipient and Alternate will be contacted by a member of Chapter I.
4. Preference will be given to an applicant planning to attend Cottey College.

Payment of Scholarship:

There will be two payments that will be made to recipient. Payment of this scholarship will not be made until the P.E.O. Foundation receives confirmation of current enrollment and the required forms are completed and returned (per instructions included in the letter notifying the recipient she has been selected). The amount of the scholarship is determined by the P.E.O. Foundation and varies according to market values (historically from \$250 - \$280). **The recipient will be issued the Foundation portion of the scholarship once the above requirements are met. The remaining scholarship funds will be awarded from Chapter I upon receipt of the first semester college grades (2.75 GPA or higher) and re-enrollment (minimum of 12 hours) from college for the second semester.**

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