



P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education



*Funding Grants
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P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, established in 1973, is a need-based grant program providing one-time financial assistance 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.

Grant

The money is intended as a grant-in-aid for education related expenses such as tuition, books, supplies, transportation, childcare while in class, required uniforms, testing fees and equipment/tools. The grant is not to be used for living expenses or to repay educational loans or personal debt. Grants will not be awarded to those needing prerequisite courses or choosing immediate continuation of their education beyond the current program for which the grant is requested. The maximum grant is \$3,000. Lesser amounts may be awarded based on funds available in the current year's grant budget and applicants' individual needs. Recipients are eligible to receive only one P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) grant.

When a grant is approved, the check is mailed to the local chapter's PCE contact as listed on the chapter recommendation form. The check should be presented personally to the recipient.

Eligibility

A woman is eligible to apply for a grant from the PCE provided she:

- Is recommended by a P.E.O. chapter
- Is enrolled in a technical or degree program; not a doctoral degree program
- Is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States or Canada
- Is living and studying in the United States or Canada for the entire course of study
- Has had at least 24 consecutive months as a non-student sometime in her adult life
- Is within 24 consecutive months of completing her educational program
- Is enrolled in an educational program which, at the conclusion, will lead to employment or job advancement.

Grants may be awarded for academic or technical courses including online programs offered by educational institutions in the United States or Canada.

Application Policies and Procedures

When a local chapter identifies a prospective applicant, the chapter's PCE chairman will arrange an interview to determine eligibility. Chapter approval is granted by a majority voice vote at a regular or special meeting.

PCE recommendations and applications may only be submitted electronically. Instructions for the online application process are posted on the PCE portion of the P.E.O. International website.

A chapter recommendation must be submitted no less than 10 weeks prior to the start term date for which the grant is requested, however, it cannot be accepted more than four months in advance of that date. Once the recommendation is reviewed, instructions will be emailed to the applicant, including the specific 30 day deadline for submitting her completed forms.

The Board of Trustees of the PCE will evaluate applications on a nondiscriminatory basis without consideration of race, national origin, religious affiliation, or disability, with the primary consideration being the applicant's demonstrated overall need for assistance.