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UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDY



What is the deadline for submission of applications for NYS Scholarships?

Applications and documents for all NYS Scholarships must be submitted online on or before **February 1** for scholarships to be awarded for the following academic year (for example, by February 1, 2023, for the academic year beginning with the Fall term of 2023). Local chapters should interview candidates, obtain chapter approval, and prepare sponsorship letters in the fall, so they can submit the online form and upload their sponsorship letter on or before January 1. Once that is done, the applicant then receives a link to complete her online application, provide email addresses for her references, and upload her required personal narrative and transcript(s). When she submits her completed application and documents, her references then receive a link to upload their recommendation letters by no later than February 1st.

Can a chapter sponsor more than one candidate for a specific New York State Scholarship?

Yes. While there is no official limit, chapters with multiple highly qualified candidates are encouraged to find another chapter to sponsor and support. The number of nominees from a particular chapter is not a consideration in selection, as each candidate is evaluated on her own merits.

What information and documents will sponsoring chapters need to provide?

Chapters will need to provide the name, chapter letters/city, address, telephone number and email address of their chapter contact; the name, current mailing address, telephone number and email address of their candidate (must be a personal email address, not a student's .edu address); and which NYS Scholarship they are seeking. The chapter will need to upload a sponsorship letter with specific, succinct information explaining why the candidate's abilities, academic achievements, activities, character, goals, and financial need make them an excellent candidate for the scholarship.

What information and documents will the applicant need to provide?

When the chapter's sponsorship form is completed, the applicant will be sent a link to the application website, so they can confirm their eligibility and provide: current contact information for themselves, a faculty or employer reference, and an additional non-related adult reference (references will receive a link to post their recommendations directly online); information on their own or any relative's connection to P.E.O; information on educational institutions attended or attending; financial information; and information on honors/awards, extra-curricular activities, employment or volunteer history, and goals. Applicants will also need to upload an unofficial copy of their most recent academic transcript and a personal narrative

outlining their background, talents, employment and academic history, and educational and career goals.

Can students receive a NYS Scholarship more than once?

Yes; students who have previously received a NYS Scholarship may apply for the same or a different NYS Scholarship as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. The sponsorship form, application, and all documents for a new or renewed scholarship must be submitted prior to the February 1 deadline.

What are the requirements for New York State residency to qualify for NYS P.E.O. Scholarships?

NYS P.E.O. Scholarships use the requirements for New York State residency as published by the State University of New York to establish eligibility for these awards. Students are generally considered New York State residents if they have established their domicile in New York State for at least twelve months prior to the last day of the registration period of a particular term. Please refer to SUNY's published requirements (<https://www.suny.edu/smartrack/residency/>) for more details. Please note that although the NYS P.E.O. Scholarships are referencing the SUNY definition, applicants are not restricted to study at SUNY institutions.

How much money is awarded annually to each NYS Scholarship recipient?

The total amount of money available to award each year depends on donations and the growth of the endowment managed by the P.E.O. Foundation. The NYS Scholarship Committee evaluates all applicants based on merit and need. The number and amounts of awards are based on the number of applicants and the available funds and vary each year. Not every recipient will receive the same amount. Once the P.E.O. Foundation has reviewed and approved the awards, nominating chapters and applicants are notified of the results by June 1st, and awards are payable after July 1st for the coming academic year.

Griswold Scholarship awards are typically at least \$750, with the maximum individual award usually around \$1500. Individual Wackenhut Scholarship awards have been about \$2800-\$3800 in recent years. Hungate and NYS Chapter Cottey College Scholarships fluctuate more widely year to year, based the number of qualified NYS students enrolled at Cottey College, but are typically significant awards of several thousand dollars. For recent information, please see the New York State Scholarships committee report in the Convention Proceedings posted on the NYS P.E.O. website. Note: scholarship amounts for previous years may guide expectations but do not predict or guarantee the amounts of future awards.

How are the NYS Scholarships distributed?

Funds are distributed directly from the P.E.O. Foundation. Recipients select whether to have funds sent to them or to their college/university, and they must provide confirmation of enrollment to the Foundation before funds are distributed. Awards of less than \$1500 are distributed by the Foundation in one lump sum and are payable after July 1st for the coming academic year. Awards greater than \$1500 are distributed in two installments: in the fall and in the spring. The Hungate and NYS Chapter Cottey College Scholarships are sent in a lump sum directly to Cottey College.

For more information, please contact the NYS Scholarship Committee at NYscholarships@peonewyork.org.

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