1.0 FLORIDA P.E.O. SCHOLARSHIP -- GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANT

1.1 CONGRATULATIONS! You have made a first step toward your college education by applying for a FLORIDA P.E.O. SCHOLARSHIP (FLPEOS). This scholarship is funded by Florida Chapters of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a Philanthropic Educational Organization. Scholarships are awarded for financial assistance for TUITION AND FEES only, as required for enrollment or attendance. Students with a Florida Pre-Paid College Fund or Take Stock in Children scholarship are NOT eligible as their tuition is already paid. Applicants with Florida Bright Futures scholarships ARE eligible, as are dual enrolled high school students.

1.2 The amount granted for each one-year scholarship will be determined by the State Committee but will not exceed $2,500. Students may apply for a one-time renewal.

1.3 Notification of award decisions will be made as soon as approval has been received from the P.E.O. Foundation Board of Trustees. Email notifications will be sent to all applicants and sponsoring chapters concerning the decisions. Three alternate recipients will be selected in the event an award is declined. Alternates will be notified of award only in the event scholarship(s) are declined.

1.4 The following are requirements for application:

1.4.1 The applicant must be a woman who is a resident of the State of Florida and a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) of the U.S. or Canada.

1.4.2 Applicants must meet requirements of scholarship, character, personality, purpose and need. Applicants for the first award year must have high scholastic standing as measured by class rank and standardized test scores, plus a minimum unweighted 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

1.4.3 The applicant must be accepted or awaiting acceptance for admission to her first year of full-time post-secondary study. Full-time study is defined as 24 annual credit hours at an accredited college or university.

1.4.4 Study must be leading to an Associate or Bachelor degree at a public or private Florida college or university accredited by the Council on Post-secondary Accreditation or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

1.4.5 The applicant must meet with and be sponsored by a Florida P.E.O. chapter. Current application forms must be obtained from a local P.E.O. chapter member. Information about contacting a local chapter may be obtained by emailing the Florida P.E.O. Scholarship chairman through the flyer posted on the Florida P.E.O. website (www.peoflorida.org).

1.4.6 To apply for the Scholarship, the applicant must return the documents listed in Section 1.5 to the local sponsoring chapter by January 15th, prior to her first year of post-secondary study. The chapter will vote to determine if it will sponsor the applicant and then send the completed application materials to the State Chairman of the Florida P.E.O. Scholarship Committee POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15th. Submission of application materials prior to the deadline is
highly encouraged. Late or incomplete applications will not be processed.

1.5 Documents to be submitted to the local P.E.O. chapter by the applicant:

1.5.1 Completed application, including a resume and a one-page essay detailing education and career plans, and any other personal information relevant to your need for this scholarship.

1.5.2 Completed Family Financial Statement. If desired for confidentiality, this form may be sent directly to the Florida State Committee Chair.

1.5.3 Complete transcript from High School including final fall semester grades

1.5.4 Applicants who have already obtained college credit via dual enrollment MUST also include a complete college transcript (either official or unofficial) with final fall grades.

1.5.5 Signed letter of recommendation from THREE of the four choices below:

1.5.5.a Guidance Counselor or High School Principal
1.5.5.b Teacher
1.5.5.c Clergy
1.5.5.d Business or professional person known to you

1.5.6 Copy of letter of acceptance from your chosen Florida college or university. **Note:** Submit your application even if you do not have the college or university letter of acceptance. Upon receipt of your acceptance to your preferred college or any other you have applied to, immediately send a copy of it to the State Chairman. Consideration for awards depends on acceptance to a Florida college/university.

1.5.7 Current cell phone headshot or a passport-size 2” x 2” photo (optional).

1.6 Applicants for a one-time scholarship renewal must continue to meet requirements of scholarship, character, personality, purpose and need. Applicants must have completed one year of full-time study, maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), be enrolled as a full-time student for the next academic year and be sponsored by the local chapter.

1.7 Documents required from the renewal applicant by email, to the local P.E.O. chapter:

1.7.1 Completed **Renewal Application**, including a one-page essay detailing educational and career plans and personal information relevant to your need for this scholarship.

1.7.2 First-year Complete college transcript (official or unofficial) including final fall semester grades and cumulative GPA.

1.7.3 Completed **Renewal Student Financial Statement.** If desired, for confidentiality this form may be emailed directly to the Florida State Committee first-year member. Ask the local Chapter FLPEOS Chair for the
email address.

1.7.4 To apply for the renewal scholarship the applicant must email completed documents listed in Section 1.7 to the local sponsoring chapter by January 15th, prior to her second year of post-secondary study. The chapter will vote to determine if it will sponsor the applicant and then email the completed application materials to the first-year member of the state committee to be RECEIVED NO LATER THAN February 15th.

1.7.5 Renewal Scholarships are provisionally awarded and depend on meeting the following criteria: cumulative 3.0 GPA and full-time enrollment for the next academic year. To receive the award final spring grades MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN June 30th by the first-year member of the state committee and confirmation of enrollment for the fall semester will be required thereafter.