

# Georgia State International Projects Committee Webinar Thursday, September 14



# Welcome!



# International Projects Committee



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# International Projects Committee



## What does IPC do?

- \*We help local chapters with any questions or issues regarding their project applications
- \*We collect data and report at the GA State Convention
- \*We place potential candidates received from International with local chapters

# Today's agenda

- Creating a Projects Tool Kit
- Candidate Referrals and How it Works
- International Projects Updates and Reminders
- Questions and Answers



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# Project Tool Kit

If you have one - treasure it!  
If you don't - create one now!



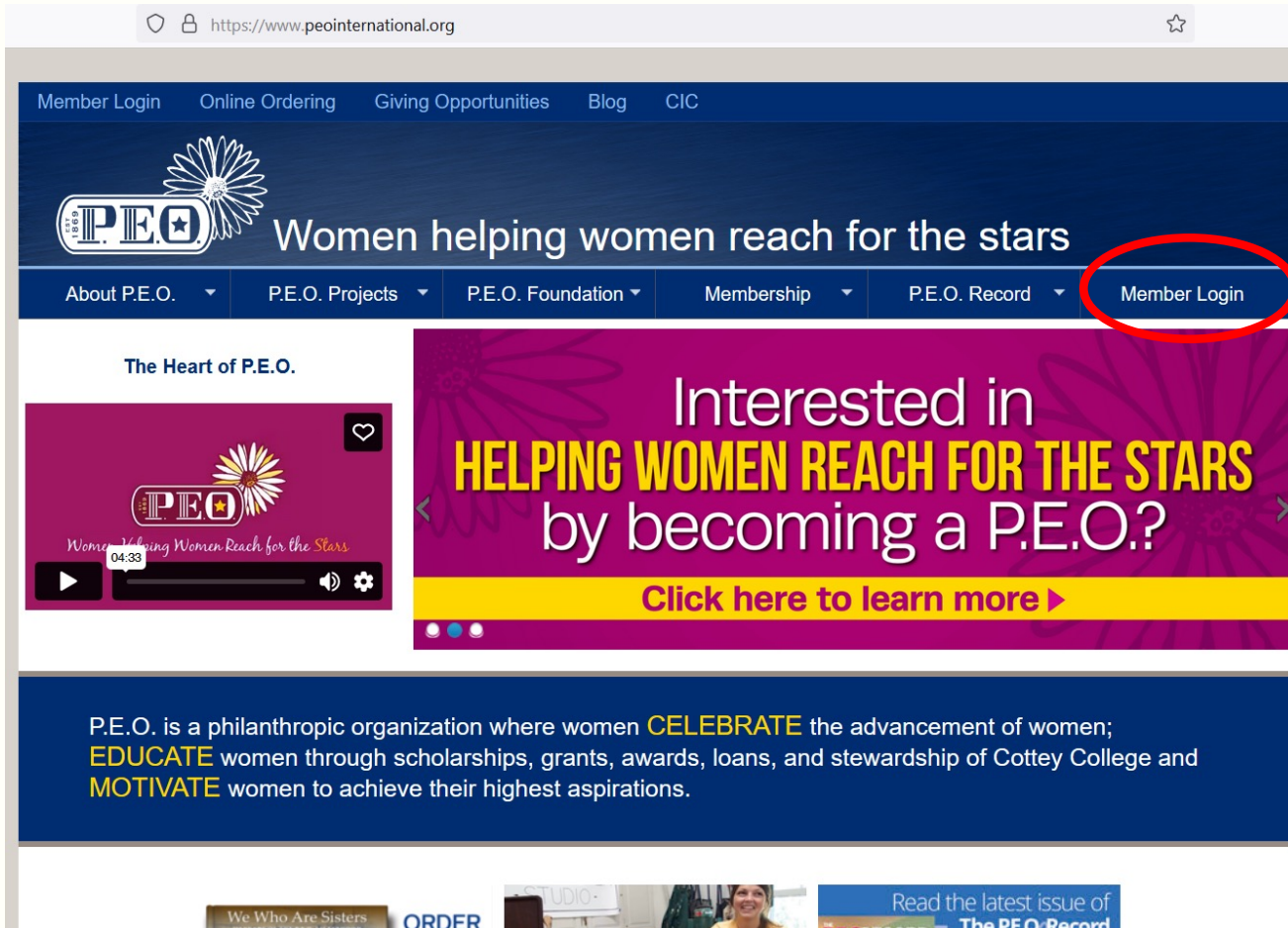
# Project Tool Kit

Find something to store documents and resources

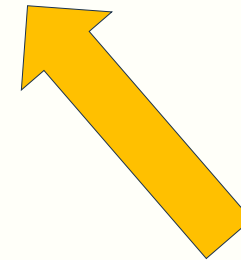
3 Sections

1. Resources from International
2. Resources for your chapter
3. Applications (successful and unsuccessful)





# 1. Resources from International Website



Be sure to sign into Member side



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## Educational Loan Fund

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## Have an ELF Candidate? Get Started Now

Print and read the documents below for easy step-by-step instructions on identifying, interviewing and recommending your chapter ELF candidate.

### Recommending an ELF Loan Applicant

Title	Format	Last Updated
Step 1. ELF Policies Governing Loans and Chapter Procedure for Sponsoring an Applicant	 	Jul 2023
Step 2. Summary of Interview and Recommendation of an ELF Applicant		Jul 2023
Step 3. Chapter Recommendation Submission Instructions		Jul 2023
Step 4: Access to Online Chapter Recommendation Form	ELF Online Portal 	Jul 2023

*You will need to use Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Safari to successfully complete a recommendation. Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer will **not** work.*



www.peogeorgia.org

Helpful resources available  
on the GA State website.

STAR page



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**Established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional women in their final year of high school to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year.**

**Did You Know?**

In April 2023, STAR awarded \$2.5m in scholarships to 1,000 women. Since 2009, STAR has awarded \$19.7m to 7,906 women.

[Click here](#) to review STAR program details on the P.E.O. International website

**Congratulations GA chapters on the following results for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.**

- GA Chapters contributed \$25,454 to STAR during the 2022-2023 year.
- The following 23 chapters had recipients for the STAR scholarship during 2022/2023:

C, Dunwoody	U, Athens	AW, Alpharetta	BM, Douglasville
D, Atlanta	AC, Gainesville	AY, Lawrenceville	BN, Cumming
L, Savannah	AF, Peachtree City	BE, Kennesaw	BP, Jasper
M, Roswell	AM, Marietta	BG, Alpharetta	BQ, Decatur
O, Atlanta	AP, Greensboro	BI, Woodstock	BT, Cumming
R, Atlanta	AQ, Marietta	BK, Athens	

- The following 29 chapters received a Constellation Chapter designation for 2023-2024 by contributing \$500 or more to STAR during 2022-2023.

A, Atlanta	S, Savannah	AR, Conyers	BD, Atlanta
B, Atlanta	U, Athens	AV, Roswell	BF, Blairsville
C, Dunwoody	Z, Athens	AW, Alpharetta	BH, St. Simons Is
K, Atlanta	AC, Gainesville	AX, Canton	BJ, Thomasville
L, Savannah	AF, Peachtree City	AZ, Newnan	BK, Athens
M, Roswell	AP, Greensboro	BA, Peachtree City	BL, Gainesville
N, Atlanta	AQ, Marietta	BB, Savannah	BN, Cumming
			BT, Cumming

**Tips to Make Your STAR Candidate Shine**

Review these STAR Qualities with your candidate BEFORE she completes her application:

**Leadership**– Student should be a proven leader inside and outside of school, this might even include within the home.

**Extracurricular Activities**– Student should show participation in extracurriculars for at least 2 years during her high school career. Encourage her to include ALL activities.

# Project Tool Kit

## 2. Resources for you chapter

- \*Log on credentials for application portal
- \*Contact information from colleges or high schools
- \*List of interview questions
- \*List of past chairs
- \*Program ideas

# Project Tool Kit

## Why keep old applications?

- Great resource for future applications.
- Creates a history for your chapter.
- Keep in touch with applicant - she might make a great program speaker, she might qualify for a different project, she might even make a great new member!

# Referrals

What you need to know.

Let us help you!



# Referral Process

- The public P.E.O. International website includes information about each of the projects, including the eligibility requirements and program parameters. There's also an icon to request additional information.
- If a candidate thinks they meet the qualifications, they can submit one of the following:
  - Information Form for a Potential PCE Candidate Seeking Chapter sponsorship
  - P.E.O. Scholar Awards Potential Application form
- P.E.O. International routes these potential candidate forms to the Project Chair for the state in which these women reside.
- Our goal as Project Chairs is to quickly find a Chapter interested in confirming eligibility and potentially sponsoring these candidate. We forward the candidate information via email to the Chapter President and the appropriate Chapter Project Chair.
  - Reminder to make sure your email addresses are updated, including for your chapter project chairs

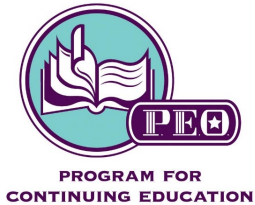
# Referral Process

- To identify which chapter(s) to contact for potential sponsorship, we first review the referral list, which includes any chapters that let us know they want to sponsor a candidate
- If no chapters remain on the referral list, a Multiple Chapter Reach Out Process is utilized
  - All GA Chapters are separated into random groups of 4. The Project Chairs utilize the same grouping list, so if a group receives a potential PCE candidate, the next group on the list will receive the next potential PSA candidate.
  - The first chapter to respond to the email reach out will be instructed to take the lead in contacting the candidate and the other chapters will be notified to avoid any confusion.
  - Based on learnings during COVID around the power of technology (Zoom, Teams, etc) to facilitate communication with candidates, the randomized grouping of chapters is not based on geography. This is intended to give all chapters an equal opportunity to sponsor a candidate.

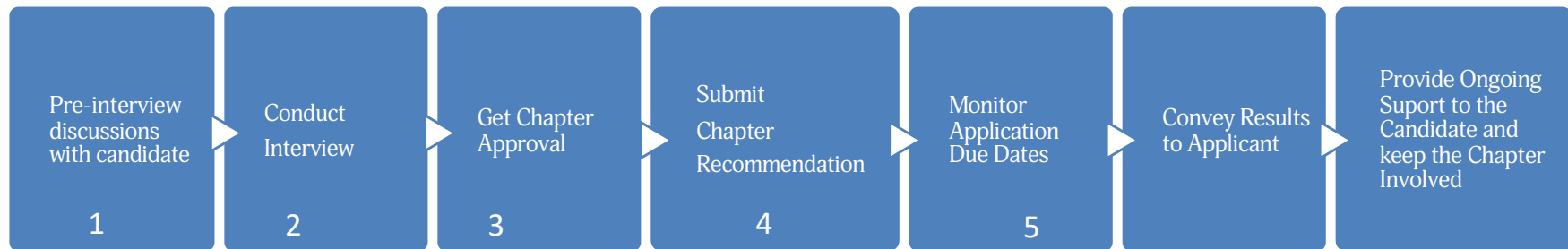


# Program for Continuing Education Update

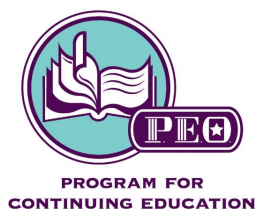




# PCE Timeline



- 1) Review program qualifications with the candidate, including requirement that candidate be within 18 consecutive months of completing her educational program and the need-based requirements. Share and review the Pre-Application Eligibility Worksheet.
- 2) The candidate should bring a completed Pre-Application Eligibility Worksheet to the interview
- 3) This requires a meeting, so be sure to consider this in your timeline
- 4) Application must be submitted **no more than 14 weeks and no later than 8 weeks prior to the start date of the term** for which the grant is requested. Chapter completes their portion of the application which triggers the applicant to receive a request to complete the online application.
- 5) Keep in touch with the candidate to ensure the application is completed within the timing window.



# PCE Helpful Hints

The PCE page on the P.E.O. International website has detailed information on the application process

Check out the Chapter Resources section for FAQ's and Chapter program ideas, including Bright Spot features on recent grant recipients



## Program for Continuing Education


Eligibility Requirements  
Meet the PCE Recipients  
Chapter Resources for PCE  
Brighter Tomorrow Chapter Information  
PCE Named and Endowed Grants  
Have a PCE Candidate? Get Started Now

## Chapter Resources for PCE

Below you will find information designed to educate all sisters about the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education. There are also program ideas for use in your local chapter meetings. Please use documents posted on this website, as policies and procedures are updated on a regular basis.


### PCE Bright Spot Featured Recipients

Read about other Bright Spot featured recipients in archived copies of the PCENews.


Title	Format	Last Updated
PCE Bright Spot April 2023		Apr 2023

PCE Bright Spot August 2023		Aug 2023
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### Program for Continuing Education (PCE) Information

Title	Format	Last Updated
PCE Policy Guidelines and Procedures		Jul 2023

What Classifies As A Doctoral Degree?		Jul 2023
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PCE Frequently Asked Questions		Nov 2022
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# International Peace Scholarship Update





# IPS Helpful Hints

While IPS doesn't require a chapter to sponsor or recommend a candidate, chapter IPS chairs can play a big role in promoting IPS.

- Contact the International Student Office/Advisor at your nearby University or College. If they are agreeable, post a flyer or share information cards. These can be found on the P.E.O. International Website under Chapter Resources for IPS
- Encourage all of your chapter members to spread the word by increasing awareness. Share applicant bios from Moments for Peace or the latest Take a Minute for IPS during your committee report at each chapter meeting (both found under Chapter Resources for IPS)



## International Peace Scholarship Fund

Eligibility Requirements  
IPS by the Numbers  
Chapter Resources for IPS  
Partners in Peace Chapter Information  
IPS Named Scholarships  
Have an IPS Candidate? Get Started Now

## Chapter Resources for IPS

In the topic specific lists below, you will find information designed to educate all sisters about the P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship. There are also program ideas for use in your local chapter meetings. Please use the most current versions posted, as policies and procedures are updated on a regular basis.

### To Use for Meetings

Title	Format	Last Updated
Brief History of the IPS Fund		Jul 2023
Moments for Peace		Sep 2022
International Peace Scholarship video <i>This video was originally created for the 2021 Convention of International Chapter. Project statistics throughout the video are updated as of April 2022.</i>	<a href="#">Download the video here</a>	Apr 2022
Projects Night Speaker - Juddy Karei, International Peace Scholarship	<a href="#">Download the video here</a>	Sep 2021

### Spread the Word

Title	Format	Last Updated
IPS College/University Flyer		Mar 2022
IPS Information Card		Jan 2022

# Educational Loan Fund Update





## ELF Helpful Hints

- Can be submitted at any time of the year within 6 to 24 months prior to graduation
- \$12,000 for a non-degree accredited program, an associate or bachelor's
- Non-degree programs = technical, vocational, professional training, certification, licensure.
- \$15,000 for Masters
- \$20,000 for Doctoral
- On-line programs will be considered.
- An internship or study abroad may be eligible.
- Can reapply for a second ELF loan when the original loan has been repaid
- Interest: 2%, with first payment due 6 months after graduation
- Must show financial need
- 2023 changes: only 1 qualified cosigner needed with a credit score of 660
- There is no limit to the number of applicants a chapter can recommend.
- Complete information including chapter programs can be found on the International and State P.E.O. Websites.

# P.E.O. Scholar Awards Update







**SCHOLAR AWARDS**

# PSA Helpful Hints

- Timeline: the application portal for the student opens August 20 and closes November 20. Recipients are notified May 1. The first half of the payment is sent August 1. The second half is sent January 31.

## Eligibility:

- Student has at least a bachelor's degree
- Is within 2 years of graduation and has at least 1 full academic year of work remaining to complete her doctoral-level degree measured from August 1 when the first payment is made.
- Those in a multiple-degree program must be within 2 years.
- Study abroad is permitted if enrolled in an accredited US or Canadian school.
- A woman is NOT eligible for a MS degree, certificate, residency, fellowship, specialization, or postdoc.
- Chapters must use the online form at [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)
- No more than one chapter may nominate a candidate.
- Chapters may nominate more than one candidate.
- Nominees are given 45 days to complete their application.
- The Scholar Awards office will notify the nominee upon review of her application.



# PSA Helpful Hints

## Notes

- It is often better for an applicant to apply further into the doctoral program as she will have achieved a more thorough picture of her work. A student can be renominated if unsuccessful, if she is still within the timeframe.
- Resources are available on the International website to assist you with writing the nomination letter.
- Remember to include the specific degree—not just MD or JD.
- Remember to enter the month and year of graduation—not just the year.
- Stress the value of the candidate's research; why she is outstanding; the impact she will have on the future through the field she is studying; present a well-rounded candidate.
- Questions by nominees with regard to the process should be directed to the PEO Scholar Awards office at (515)255-3153 or [psa@peodsm.org](mailto:psa@peodsm.org) Chandra Bisgard

## How to find candidates

- Investigate which schools have doctoral programs via the college navigator tool on the National Center for Education Statistics website <http://nes.ed.gov/collegenavigator>
- Contact department chairs or deans of doctoral programs and ask for referrals
- If your chapter is interested in sponsoring a PSA candidate, let us know at [peogaintprojects@gmail.com](mailto:peogaintprojects@gmail.com)

# STAR Update





STAR SCHOLARSHIP

Be sure to visit the STAR page on the International website for great resources to download.

# STAR application period is now open!

## Deadline is October 15







### STAR Scholarship

- Eligibility Requirements
- Meet the STAR Recipients
- Chapter Resources for STAR
- Constellation Chapter Information
- STAR Named and Endowed Scholarships
- Have a STAR Candidate? Get Started Now




### Have a STAR Candidate? Get Started Now

Start the candidate application process below or read the documents below for easy step-by-step instructions on identifying, interviewing and recommending your chapter STAR candidate.

#### STAR Online Recommendation Form

Title	Format	Last Updated
Instructions for Online Recommendation Form		Oct 2022
Online Recommendation Form	<a href="#">Click here for the online recommendation form</a>	Aug 2023
P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Recipient Media Kit	  	Jun 2023

#### Application Information

Title	Format	Last Updated
Application Text Box Questions		Feb 2023
Cotley Interest Form		Sep 2016
Local Chapter FAQs		Apr 2023



Helpful Hint: Do not wait until the last minute to submit the application! Be prepared and use time wisely!



- Chapter may submit only ONE candidate.
- Student must be 20 years of age or younger at the end of the calendar year in which she applies.
- Does require the Chapter to vote on candidate.
- All parts of the application are now submitted online.
- Deadline for chapter is 11:59pm EST, October 15.
- Student's portion of the online application must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days after she has received a link with instructions to set up her online account.

# Questions & Answers



Thanks for joining us!

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