P.E.O. PROJECTS PROGRAM

This is an information program on the six P.E.O. projects. Before the program, cut apart the statement blocks. Mix them up so they are not in order and pass out to sisters. Depending upon the number at your meeting, sisters may have more than one statement to read. After the introduction each sister will read a statement, and the group will identify which project belongs to the statement. Notice on the master answer sheet that several of the statements have more than one answer. This program can be easily added to as new projects are added to our sisterhood.

Introduction: Today's program is on the six projects of P.E.O. Four of these projects have acronyms. Can you tell me what they mean?

ELF - Educational Loan Fund

IPS - International Peace Scholarship

PSA - P.E.O. Scholar Award

PCE – Program for Continuing Education

Answer Sheet

IPS - International Peace Scholarship

- 1. You must be a citizen of a country other than the U.S. and Canada to be eligible for this project.
- 2. Recipients of this project have a maximum \$12,500 scholarship.
- 3. The student will return to a country outside of the U.S. or Canada within 60 days of completing her degree program (VISA status permitting) unless approved for optional practical training.
- 4. Recipients of these projects are not required to have sponsorship of a local P.E.O. chapter. (IPS, Cottey)
- 5. Local chapter is recognized as a Partners in Peace Chapter and partnered with a project recipient for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.

STAR Scholarship

- 6. This project is awarded to exceptional young ladies in their senior year of high school.
- 7. This project established in 2009 is the newest P.E.O. Project established so far.
- 8. This project awards \$2,500 to worthy young ladies.
- 9. The applicants for this project must excel in five "star" areas of leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service and potential for future success.
- 10. Local chapter is recognized as a Constellation Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.

PCE – Program for Continuing Education

- 11. Project recipient must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the U.S. or Canada. (PCE, ELF, PSA, STAR)
- 12. This project awards a maximum grant of \$4,000.
- 13. Recipient must have at least 24 months as a non-student sometime in her adult life.
- 14. Recipient is enrolled in a certified degree program and is within 18 consecutive months of completing her educational program which, at the conclusion, will lead to employment or job advancement.
- 15. Local chapter is recognized as a Brighter Tomorrow Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.

ELF – Educational Loan Fund

16. This project was established in 1907 to lend money to qualified women to assist them in a higher education.

- 17. Every applicant must demonstrate financial need and have a qualified cosigner.
- 18. Project recipient is eligible to apply for a renewal. (ELF, IPS)
- 19. Maximum loan is \$12,000.00 for an accredited non degree program or an associate degree,
- \$15,000.00 for bachelor's degree program, \$20,000.00 for master's degree program and \$25,000.00 for a doctoral degree program.
- 20. Local chapter is recognized as a Legacy Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.

PSA - P.E.O. Scholar Award

- 21. This project provides substantial (\$25,000) merit-based awards for women of the U.S. and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral-level degree at an accredited college or university.
- 22. Recipients of this project must be within two years of degree completion, with at least one academic year remaining from the date the first award payment is made (August 1)
- 23. The award for this project is distributed in two installments; the second payment may not be disbursed to a student if it is determined the student no longer meets original standards for eligibility, including graduation date.
- 24. Monies from this project shall not be used for debt reduction (educational, personal, etc.), general outreach, or any expenses after graduation.
- 25. Local chapter is designated as a Laureate Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.

Cottey College

- 26. Nationally ranked, fully accredited, independent, liberal arts and sciences college for women located in Nevada, Missouri, has been owned and supported by P.E.O. since 1927 and offers baccalaureate and associate degrees in a variety of majors. This debt-free institution, welcomes women from around the world.
- 27. Applicants can apply beginning in April of their junior year and may apply through August 1 to be admitted to the fall term of that year.
- 28. Named one of the 10 best in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report for the past seven years.
- 29. Students sign an Honor Code, which states that, as "members of this community, [we] commit ourselves to act with personal responsibility, academic honesty, integrity of word and moral respect for persons and their property."
- 30. Local chapter is recognized as a Luminary Chapter for making a lump-sum contribution of \$500 or more.

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