

The P.E.O. FOUNDATION

Listen, my sisters, and you shall hear
Of the P.E.O. Foundation, a trust we hold dear
It was founded in nineteen hundred and sixty-one
To pool our resources for greater income.
A board of trustees who are wise P.E.O.s
Invests all our money, so that this fund grows.
We send on our dollars in gifts and bequests,
Knowing the Foundation investment is best.
We can write a check for a project or not.
If we don't designate it, they'll decide what
To do with our gift, put it where it is needed.
This is a plan that so far has succeeded.
When we make our will, we can make a plan
For our money, insurance, trusts, houses or land.
They will take what we leave and use it for years,
But good legal advice can calm all our fears.
A gift that we make can be held in perpetuity,
A large endowment fund, or an annuity.

Our Georgia women benefit from such funds.

Can you name them all? Just let your mind run.

(Pause here and ask for the name of each of the Georgia funds and Georgia-related funds held in the P.E.O. Foundation, the proceeds of which are awarded to Georgia women as scholarship.)

GEORGIA FUNDS IN P.E.O. FOUNDATION

Georgia Scholarship Endowment Fund

Mary F. DeBartola Memorial Sch Fund	Frances Paxon Edwards Memorial Sch Fund
Ellinor O'Malley Scholarship Fund	Georgia State Past Presidents Sch Fund
Peake-Hutchinson-Tinkey Sch Fund	GA, Chapter R Pat Rubey Sch Fund (Cottey)
Chapter AB, GA Memorial Sch Fund	Chapter BP, GA Brown Sisters Sch Fund
Margaret Waddell Peters Sch Fund	Savannah Chapters of Georgia Sch Fund
Chapter K, GA Scholarship Fund	Chapter AZ, GA Scholarship Fund
Priscilla Boskoff Scholarship Fund	Harriet H Neely Scholarship Fund
Dottie S. Stagg Scholarship Fund	Elizabeth Kendrick Kidder Fund
Sue Ann Ward Scholarship Fund	Kay Farris Scholarship Fund
Rita Briggs Scholarship Fund	Georgia Sisters Memorial Fund

Evelyn Q Burton Scholarship Fund

Georgia-Related Funds in P.E.O Foundation

Chapter G Cottey Memorial Sch Fund	GA Chapter AW 10th Anniversary Sch Fund
Nancy F. Morgan Sch Fund (PCE)	Lealan D.P. LaRoche Scholarship Fund

Frances Blankenship Memorial Sch Fund (PCE)

Betty Cook Karrh Memorial P.E.O. Scholar Awards Fund

Gregory & Connie Christenson Sch Fund	Chapter AP, GA Sch Fund
Margaret O'Connell Crow Scholar Award	Evelyn Borg Elvin I.P.S. Fund
Elsie Naomi Myers Memorial Fund	Barbara Bailey Swann Sch
Karen Fite Fund (PCE)	Chapter BQ, GA Sch Fund
Chapter AQ, GA Sch Fund	Chapter V, GA Sch Fund
Lucille J Hoyt Mem Fund	

In 1990, Georgia State Chapter gave some of our cash

To make Georgia Scholarship Endowment Fund a sizable stash.

This means more funds available for our state,

Scholarships and grants, our women to educate.

Now if you feel that you'd like to take part,

There are some things to do that are just plain smart.

Make your personal check to the Foundation,

And on the memo line, make your designation.

You can decide on a project, International one,

Or designate one of our Georgia State funds,

It can be a memorial, or to honor a friend,

And International Chapter will an acknowledgement send.

Now if you would your scholarship give,

A legacy always to grow and to live;
Five thousand dollars your fund will endow,
Just write the Foundation and they'll tell you how.
Keep in mind that only International Projects and P.E.O. Foundation
Enjoy a "tax deductible" designation.
If you make your check to Georgia State Treasurer,
The IRS will not give you a deductible measure!
IRS says P.E.O. is not a charitable organization,
But our P.E.O. Projects enjoy charitable designation.
Also that state chapter is just part of the International plan:
"Only one cog in a large wheel," says the IRS man.
There are some more things that you need to know,
The Foundation's one purpose is to make our funds grow.
In the past biennium it was accounted
Over 138 million dollars; it has really amounted!
Thousands and thousands of dollars to projects were paid,
So that loans and grants and scholarships were made.
All of your dollars went to help educate
A host of young women from provinces and states.
Now it is hoped that you have learned much

From this verse, amateurish as such;
But if you still have questions about the Foundation,
Your chapter treasurer has more information.
Surely she'll help you to sort out this muddle.
This poet's intention is not to befuddle,
But to inform you of your obligation
To cheer and support our P.E.O. Foundation.

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