

P.E.O. Chapter Y Scholarship

Philanthropic Education Organization



Lou Witzenburg Memorial Scholarship

Past Florida State Historian and State Chair for PCE and ELF

Scholarship for School Year **2025 - 2026**

P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Education Organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. Lou Witzenburg was a P.E.O. member for 69 years. She held several positions within the organization in Florida and was also a member and officer of chapters in Nebraska, Kentucky, and New Jersey. She exemplified what helping women is all about and was dedicated to helping women achieve their highest educational goals. We dedicate this scholarship in her memory for her passion and service to the P.E.O. Organization.

Scholarship Amount: \$2,000.00

Go to: peoflchapter.yscholarship@gmail.com for mailing submission directions.

The deadline for this completed application to be submitted is: **February 15, 2025**

Eligibility Requirements:

1. U.S. or Canadian citizen residing in Florida (able to provide proof of citizenship or permanent legal residency, i.e.: birth certificate, passport, etc.)
2. Must have a **3.0** or higher GPA

3. Woman in financial need and must provide FAFSA report.
4. Resumé preferable
5. A woman who is or will be a high school graduate, home-schooled graduate or equivalent, or a college student who is enrolled at an accredited U.S. or Canadian post-secondary school.
6. Attach high school or college transcript.
7. Letters of recommendation (**two** or more **non-family** members; at least one must be from an educator.)

Application:

1. Is the applicant a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood? Yes _____ No _____

2. If there is a family relationship between the recipient and a member of the scholarship selection committee, a member or officer of the International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a trustee of the P.E.O. Foundation, or donor of or substantial contributor to the individual fund or any member of the donor’s or contributor’s family, please describe the relationship. If none, write N/A.

3. If awarded this scholarship, you will receive a notification email, which will contain a link to the **Acceptance of Scholarship** and **Confirmation of Enrollment** forms to be submitted online to the [P.E.O. Foundation](#) office before any funds are sent to your school. You will be required to provide a copy of: Proof of Acceptance and Enrollment at an accredited post-secondary school or college, last 4 digits of your Social Security number or student identification number, and name and campus location in which to be enrolled. Scholarship money will go directly to your school.

4. **If you meet the eligibility requirements and would like to apply to receive this scholarship for the coming academic year, legibly complete this application in full using black ink. You may type essay section. Please answer the following questions:**

Name: First: _____ Last: _____ DOB: _____

Phone: Home # _____ Cell # _____

Email: _____

Home address _____

Name of high school or college attended _____

High school or college GPA: _____

SAT Composite Score: _____ ACT Composite Score: _____ N/A _____

I will be/am attending (or plan to attend) the following post-secondary school or college:

Have you been accepted to the above post-secondary college/university? _____

Beginning Semester: Check one: Summer 1 ___ Summer 2 ___ Fall ___ Spring ___

What specialty/field do you plan to major in as you continue your education? _____

When do you expect to graduate from your current school? _____

Are you currently a non-student seeking a new career or furthering your education? No _____

If yes, please explain _____

Do your parents still claim you as a dependent for tax purposes? ___ Yes ___ No

Parents' marital status: ___ Married ___ Single ___ Divorced/Separated ___ Widowed

Number in family, including student, during next school year _____

Number in family who will be enrolled in college during the next school year? _____

Do you work? _____ Occupation _____ Hours per week _____ Salary \$ _____

Please check if you are: ___ Single ___ Married ___ Divorced

5. Family Financial Information (All information is kept strictly confidential.)

A. Student's Financial Information

Current year expected Income (include all money earned even if you did not file a tax return) \$ _____

Occupation _____ Hours worked per week _____

Social Security Benefits \$ _____

Cash, Savings, Checking Accounts \$ _____

B. Parents' or Guardian's Financial Information

Adjusted Gross Income from Federal Tax Return: Tax Year _____ \$ _____
U.S. Taxes Paid (paid, not withheld): Tax Year _____ \$ _____

Annual Gross Income earned from work by father/guardian \$ _____
Occupation: _____

Annual Gross Income earned from work by mother/guardian \$ _____
Occupation: _____

Earned Income Credit \$ _____

Child Support Received \$ _____

Untaxed Social Security Benefits \$ _____

List Source and Amount of any other income: _____ \$ _____

C. Parents'/Guardian's Asset and Liability Information

Cash, Savings, and Checking Balance \$ _____

Net Worth of Investments (Do NOT include your home.) \$ _____

Mortgage or Rent Payment (annual) \$ _____

Other Liabilities (annual) List: _____ \$ _____

If applicant is married, please complete sections 5 B. and C. above with information for applicant and spouse. Parents'/Guardian's information is applicable only when the applicant is their dependent.

6. Applicant Information (If more space is needed, please complete on a separate page.)

A. Please explain why you need financial assistance and for what purpose is this scholarship desired?

B. List any community volunteer service hours and location. _____

C. List your hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities. _____

D. List, if applicable, your academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school or college. _____

7. Essay: Please type or write legibly one essay of **500 to 750 total words** answering the following questions to the best of your ability on a separate page attached to this application.

- What life experiences have shaped you into who you are today, and what challenges have you overcome in achieving your education?
- Describe your academic and career goals and your plans to achieve them.

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If awarded, I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote this P.E.O. scholarship fund.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If applicant is under 18 years old)

_____ Date: _____

Initial if you have included the following to apply for this scholarship and go to website peoflchapter.vscholarship@gmail.com for mailing directions.

- _____ 1. Application Form
- _____ 2. Proof of US or Canadian citizenship or permanent legal residency
- _____ 3. High School or College Transcript
- _____ 4. FAFSA report (with family financial information)
- _____ 5. Letters of Recommendation (2 or more, at least 1 from an educator)
- _____ 6. Essay (as described on application form)
- _____ 7. Resumé

**Incomplete scholarship application packages may be disqualified.
This scholarship will be awarded for the benefit of one individual for tuition, fees and/or program costs and materials for school year 2025-2026 and paid directly to, or in the name of, the educational institution upon written proof of verification of enrollment by you to the P.E.O. Foundation.*



Lou Witzenburg Memorial Scholarship Chapter Y, Sanford, FL

Dear Lou Witzenburg Scholarship Applicant,

The ladies of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter Y in Sanford, Florida, want to thank you for taking the time to apply for our chapter's scholarship which is dedicated to the memory of Lou Witzenburg, a member of our sisterhood for almost 70 years.

As detailed in our informational flyer, eligibility requirements include the following:

- U.S. or Canadian citizen residing in Florida (able to provide proof of citizenship or permanent legal residency, i.e.: copy of birth certificate, passport, etc.)
- Woman with financial need (must provide FAFSA summary page and family financial information)
- Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher (attach most current transcript)
- Resumé preferable
- A woman who is or will be a high school or home-schooled graduate or equivalent, or a college student who is enrolled at an accredited U.S. or Canadian post-secondary school
- Two letters of recommendation from non-family members (at least one from an educator)
- Must complete all parts of application form packet and submit by **February 15, 2025 deadline**

Attached to this email is the application form of five pages. Please complete this application form and include all seven items requested on page five. All items should be included together in the same large mailing envelope. Please do not send items separately. The persons writing your letters of recommendation may prefer to send their letters directly to our committee at the same mailing address listed below no later than the deadline of **February 15, 2025**. Please mail all parts of your completed application packet to the following address:

Susan Vernon
633 Chatas Court
Lake Mary, FL 32746

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You will be contacted for an interview if you are selected as a finalist. We look forward to receiving your application and wish you the best of luck in achieving your educational goals!

Sincerely,

Lou Witzenburg Memorial Scholarship Committee
peoflchapter.yscholarship@gmail.com