**PEO CHAPTER BQ, FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP**

**2025 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**About PEO**

PEO is an international philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships/grants/loans/stewardship of Cottey College, and help motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. Chapter BQ of Florida enjoys sharing a passion for providing education, financial assistance for women, developing close friendships, sharing a personal belief in God, and sharing experiences and insights that further develop each member.

**About This Scholarship**

PEO Chapter BQ, Florida Scholarships are provided annually for the support of actively involved students to obtain higher education at an accredited, not-for-profit college or university. Scholarship amounts may vary each year based on number of applicants and chapter resources. A Scholarship Committee comprised of Chapter BQ members reviews the applications and makes recommendations for awarding the scholarship. The award is then approved by the International PEO Foundation. Relatives of members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible.

**Requirements for consideration:**

1. You must be a female student who is a full-time resident of Orange or Seminole County, Florida.
2. You must have a cumulative, **unweighted** GPA of 3.000 to 3.500 at the time of application. ***If your GPA is not in this range, please do not apply.***
3. You should be actively and regularly involved in your school, community, and/or work.
4. You should have clear goals for your future studies.
5. Although financial need may be considered, it is not the primary criterion for selection.

**Instructions for application:**

1. All applicable items must be fully typed (not handwritten) and adhere to the space constraints provided. **The applicant** should submit the following documents in a single email to flchapterbq@gmail.com

with your last name and the word “Application” in the subject line, Example: “Martin Application”:

* 1. The Application (Word document or PDF, Sections I-VI below)
	2. **Unofficial** transcript(s) from schools(s) attended your Junior and Senior years. We do not need all four high school years’ worth of transcripts.
1. **The applicant** should print off **TWO** copies of the **Letter Request Form** (last page) with the top portion filled in and signed. These should be handed directly (if possible) or emailed to each of **two** letter writers**,** who should submit signed recommendation letters in PDF or Word form along with a signed Letter Request Form (see below) in support of the applicant via email to flchapterbq@gmail.com. One recommendation must be from a person familiar with your academic achievements, such as a teacher; the other recommendation must be from a person familiar with other non-academic, notable achievements that you have made. Recommendations from other students or family members will not be considered. *Recommendations must be submitted via email directly from the letter writer (instructions are below) and cannot be submitted by the applicant.*
2. If you are selected for this award, you will need to complete additional paperwork to submit to PEO in order to receive your scholarship.

**The application, transcript, and both letters are due VIA EMAIL to** **flchapterbq@gmail.com**

**by 5:00 p.m., MARCH 28, 2025. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

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**Instructions**: **Type** responses directly in text boxes. Save your document as a **Word file or PDF** with the title

 “(your name): PEO 2025 Scholarship Application.” Example: Martin, Sarah: PEO 2025 Scholarship Application

**Section I: Personal Information – *all questions must be answered if applicable***

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| Full Name: | Email address: |
| Full Home Mailing Address: | Cell Phone: |
| Date of Birth: |  |
| Names and Occupations of Parents/Guardians: | If applicable: Sibling(s) (Name, Age): |
| High School(s) Attended: |  |
| College/University Planning to Attend in the Fall 2025 (Name, City/State): | Do you plan on changing schools after fall semester?  |
| What are you planning to major in at college? | What is your ultimate career goal after college? |
| Current cumulative GPA (unweighted on a 4.0 maximum scale):  | Last term GPA (unweighted on a 4.0 maximum scale):  |

**Section II: Financial Statement**

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| Anticipated cost of annual tuition, room/board, & fees at your college of choice: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Do you qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_No |
| Do you have Florida Pre-paid Tuition?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No | Do you currently have job? Where |

 **Section III: Work Experience.** List all employment for pay. Hit the tab in the last box to add lines as necessary.

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| Dates | Position | Brief Description |
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**Section IV: Community Service and Volunteer Involvement/Honors.** List up to EIGHT volunteer activities from the past four years. To qualify as a “volunteer” activity, you should have received no pay or academic credit.

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| Dates | Position | Brief Description of what you did/purpose of activity |
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**Section V: Leadership:** List up to EIGHT leadership positions in clubs, sports, fine arts/music, etc. – school-related or outside of school

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| Dates | Position | Brief Description of what you did/purpose of activity |
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**Section VI: Awards/Honors.** List any awards/honors you received from your high school or a community organization (no participation ribbons)

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**Section VII: Essay - Personal Goals and Future Plans**

In **500 words** or fewer, please type your essay **on this page, using a second page as necessary** in response to the following questions:

* Why are you applying for this scholarship?
* Describe how this scholarship will contribute to your plans for attending college/school and why you feel you deserve to receive this scholarship.
* What personal and professional goals do you hope to achieve during the next ten years?
* How do you think your education and life experiences will help you attain your goals?

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**2025 Letter Request Form**

The student named below is applying for a scholarship from Chapter BQ Florida of PEO. The scholarship committee will appreciate your candid assessment of this individual’s potential. The confidentiality of this recommendation is subject to the preference of the applicant as indicated below. **When you have completed your recommendation, email it and this form from your business address to FLCHAPTERBQ@gmail.com. Please use the subject line “LASTNAME (of applicant) RECOMMENDATION.” Letters that do not include a handwritten signature will not be considered. The application deadline is March 28, 2025.**

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**TO BE FILLED OUT BY APPLICANT:**

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College/University to be attended:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* I waive my rights to inspect this recommendation and understand that it will remain confidential.
* I do not waive my right.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE FILLED OUT BY THOSE RECOMMENDING THE STUDENT:**

Signature of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Reference to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please address the following questions about the applicant in a letter submitted as a separate Word document or PDF. Email your letter to** **flchapterbq@gmail.com**

1. How do you know the candidate and for how long?

2. What do you perceive as strengths of the candidate?

3. What is the candidate’s potential for completion of course of study and goals?

4. Please provide a brief assessment of the candidate’s academic skills, communication skills, and personal qualities.