



**PEO CHAPTER BQ, FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP
2018 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Due 3/5/2018

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** on a 4.0 scale 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 **PEOCHAPTERBQ@gmail.com** with the subject line "LASTNAME Application":
 - a. The Application (Word document or PDF, Sections I-VI below)
 - b. Unofficial transcript(s) from schools(s) attended beginning in ninth grade.
2. **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 to **each of two recommenders**, who should submit signed letters in PDF or Word form along with a signed Letter Request Form (see below) in support of the applicant via email to PEOCHAPTERBQ@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 recommender (instructions are below) and cannot be submitted by the applicant.*
3. If you are selected for this award, you will be required to arrange for a letter to confirm enrollment from the Registrar of the school you are to attend.

The application, transcript, and both letters are DUE VIA EMAIL to PEOCHAPTERBQ@gmail.com by 5:00 p.m., MARCH 5, 2018. 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 2018 Scholarship Application.” Example: Martin, Sarah: PEO 2018 Scholarship Application

Section I: Personal Information

Full Name:	Email address:
Full Home Mailing Address:	Phone:
Date of Birth:	High School(s) Attended:
Mother (Name, Occupation):	Father (Name, Occupation):
Sibling(s) (Name, Age):	
Anticipated Graduation Date:	College/University Planning to Attend (Name, City/State):
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

Anticipated cost of <u>annual</u> tuition, room/board, & fees at your college of choice:	Do you qualify for a Bright Futures scholarship?
Do you have Florida pre-paid tuition?	Do you currently have job? (list position, employer name, and average hours/week):
Please list <i>all</i> other scholarships (name of award, amount of award) already awarded, including financial aid provided by your college: 1.	Full Address of College Bursar (<i>Who will receive the check form us if you win the scholarship?</i>):



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

Dates	Position	Brief Description

Section IV: Community Service and Volunteer Involvement/Honors. List your top FIVE 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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Section V: Campus Involvement/Honors. List your top FIVE leadership positions, sports, fine arts/music, other non-volunteer, non-academic extracurricular involvement or honors/awards.

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Section VI: Essay - Personal Goals and Future Plans

In 500 words or fewer, write an essay 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?

Please type your essay in the text box below, and do not exceed the maximum word limit.



**PEO CHAPTER BQ, FLORIDA SCHOLARSHIP
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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 PEOCHAPTERBQ@gmail.com. Please use the subject line "LASTNAME (of application) RECOMMENDATION."** Letters that do not include a handwritten signature will not be considered.

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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 _____

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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.

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 and/or communication skills.