



## **PEO INTERNATIONAL STAR SCHOLARSHIP**

**FOR COLLEGE FRESHMAN YEAR \$2,500**

**(1/2 EACH SEMESTER TO FINALIST)**

PEO is a woman's group which has been very involved in helping with woman's funding for education. Our PEO has roots back 150 years aiding women with education costs. The STAR Scholarship is directed toward high school women graduating this next spring. Chapter BL has had three sponsored VHS Students win this National Award over the years.

The STAR Scholarship was started in 2009. That first year 151 girls were awarded scholarships from the 1,524 applying. Last year VHS had a National STAR Winner in Kennedy Pratt. She was one of 880 girls who received this funding among 2,172 applying. In that eleven years, the PEO STAR Scholarship has been contributing \$10,835,000 to thousands of deserving young women.

Below are the rules and application form app to download and fill out. This is an extremely TIME Sensitive. Because of the Pandemic, our dates were adjusted to August 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. One local winner will be picked this fall. National Winners are announced the end of April to the PEO Sponsored Local Senior.

YOUR first deadline is September 4, 2020. That is the FIRST step to SIX steps over 2 months. The last deadline will be answering the International Scholarship Committee's questions online. You will not receive a "Password" to do this until our Local Chapter BL has written our recommendation and filed it. There will be one girl from Vermillion High School sponsored. That Final Deadline is October 15, 2020.

"GOOD LUCK VHS SENIOR WOMEN!"

*Mary Berglin and Janet Beeman*

*Chapter BL STAR Scholarship Committee*

1. VHS Senior Girls need to submit three FORMS: one with your activities served during high school. One for community activities during high school and one with general family information. Scholarship closes in October, but it is not announced until April of 2021.
2. Chapter BL will choose a candidate only from VHS Senior girls who turn in forms.
3. PEO STAR Committee will interview one candidate to help our committee get to know their candidate. Our Committee will then write a letter recommending this candidate to our local PEO Chapter members of BL. After getting to know her a letter of recommendation is sent to the International STAR Scholar Committee of PEO answering their questions.
4. Once this letter is submitted online, Chapter BL's chosen girl will receive information via email which will allow her to submit her essay and information to PEO International. You will have only 30 days to get this finished before deadline.
5. While you are waiting to start number 4, you could start putting some thoughts down on paper for your essay. This will cover what you plan to do with your education. Think big picture such as helping children to be able to get out of poverty by teaching them to read. Med School plans to help children, please discuss them.
6. All application items must be submitted online, APART from the high school transcript. The applicant will arrange for the official high school transcript (through 11th grade) to be mailed

to PEO Executive Office, 3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA, 50312. POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2020.

Rules for Scholarship:

- Must be a citizen of USA/Canada. Mother need not belong to PEO.
- Must carry at least a 3.5 GPA.
- Need a reference from two adults, not related to you. Often teachers.
- Need your GPA through Junior Year from VHS.

Return these to Guidance Office by September 4, 2020

1. A resume showing your VHS Activities, time given in years after each.
2. Make a resume showing local volunteering in the Vermillion Community -Please show years or months given.
3. Fill out our General Information Form and return ALL three forms to Guidance Counselor's Office in sealed envelope. Please type these forms on a computer, so that we will be able to read your writing. (when material is submitted to Des Moines International PEO Office it must be on a computer).

**PEO APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

3. CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

4. PARENT(S) NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

5. MIDDLE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

6. YOUR GPA FROM YOUR JUNIOR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

7. EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

8. HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

9. HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

10. HOW MANY SIBLINGS DO YOU HAVE? \_\_\_\_\_

11. WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT YOUR HOMETOWN AREA? WHY DO YOU LIKE OR DISLIKE IT?

12. WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR YOUR COLLEGE STUDIES? HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS FOR VERY LONG?  
ARE YOUR CLASSES HELPING YOU TO BE ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE?