



The Scholarship Selection Committee (SSC) is one of the P.E.O. California State scholarship programs.

Within the SSC program, there are more than 46 separate scholarship funds available for award to qualified applicants. These scholarships are sponsored by California Chapters and P.E.O. Members.

WHAT THE SSC DOES

- SSC members carefully read, evaluate, score, and rank each application.
- SSC members answer questions and keep applicants and fund managers updated on the status of awards.
- SSC members select candidates matching each scholarship requirements and make the awards.
- SSC notifies each applicant about the outcome of her application.

SSC SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Scholarships are open to all women who have permanent California residency status and who have graduated from high school. Current high school seniors are eligible to apply.

OF THE 46-PLUS FUNDS AWARDED BY THE SSC:

- Several are available to any California woman pursuing any major at any educational institution, anywhere in the USA.
- Major-specific:
 - Many are specific to the field of music – performance or teaching, and the fine arts
 - Several funds are specific for education majors
 - Another group of funds are for majors in health care
 - Specialty funds include scholarships for veterinary medicine, speech pathology/audiology, business and finance and communications/marketing.
- Geographic specific:
 - Several funds are for residents of northern California
 - A group of funds are specific for residents of southern California
 - There are a few funds specific to residents of the San Francisco Bay area
 - Highly specific funds include ones for Sacramento area students and wine country
- Year of study specific:
 - Currently 2 funds are for graduating high school seniors
 - A few funds are strictly for graduate students
- Location dependent:
 - A few funds require attendance at a specific community college
 - Other funds specify the institution of higher education be in California

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

■ Does an applicant need P.E.O. chapter sponsorship?

- No, applicants may apply directly for the SSC scholarships.
- Many chapters offer guidance to women interested in applying.

■ May I apply every year I am planning to attend college or trade school?

- Yes! Regardless of having received an award one year, you may reapply each year you are pursuing higher education.
- It requires a new application, an updated personal statement, recent letters of recommendation, and most recent transcripts.

■ What is the basis for a scholarship award?

- Each scholarship fund is different, however there are several basic qualities requested:
 - Financial need
 - GPA
 - Community and/or leadership abilities

■ After submitting my application when might I hear about scholarships awarded?

- The submission window is always September 1st of one year until January 15th the following year. After that date, applications are screened for any missing information. The processing of applications begins then.
- Due to the number of applicants and the interactions with the P.E.O. Foundation, nothing is released until the end of March. Frequently, it is late April before everyone who applied is notified.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply online at: <https://www.peocalifornia.org/california-scholarships--public.html> from **September 1 to January 15**.
- Once on the site, read the *CA Scholarship Application Instructions and Guidelines* for directions, then complete the application.
- A personal narrative, two letters of recommendation, and academic transcripts must be included with the application.

Note: One application allows consideration by all four California Scholarship Committees:

- Dorothy O. Weller (law)
- Ethel O. Gardner
- Ruth G. White (medicine)
- SSC: Scholarship Selection Committee

