

Ruth C. Bartells & Geraldine E. Kelsch Memorial Fund Scholarships -- 2014

Chapter FH of the P.E.O. Sisterhood on Mercer Island is the sponsor of these scholarships. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic organization that promotes educational opportunities for women. In awarding the scholarships, the committee will consider academic merit, financial need, career goals, and service to others, as demonstrated in applicant's work or family history and/or community service activities. The minimum amount of each scholarship is \$2,500.

Eligibility

A woman is eligible to apply if she:

- is a United States citizen and from the local area (raised in the area, a present resident of the area, or a full-time student in the area)
- is a high school graduate or equivalent
- is a matriculated student currently attending an accredited school of higher education and is within two years of completing her degree (by June 2016)
- has completed at least one semester or two quarters of post high school education at time of application
- will be enrolled as a **FULL-TIME** student (as defined by the applicant's school) in an accredited school for the fall term
- has a 3.0 or above G.P.A. (4.0 scale) for all college work taken in past 4 years.

Scholarships may be awarded to students attending a community or technical college, a four-year college or university, or a graduate program.

Application Procedure - Applications available at the Career Services Center in BE1102E

Applications must be received by **April 21, 2014** to be considered. Finalists will be called for a personal interview, and those receiving scholarships will be notified by June 1. The scholarships will be distributed in September for the 2014-2015 school year; scholarship awards over \$2,500 will be divided equally between fall and winter quarters/semesters. The applications of women who satisfy the eligibility criteria will be evaluated on a non-discriminatory basis without consideration of age, race, national origin, religious affiliation or disability.

References

Include **two** letters of reference with your application. References should be adults who are not relatives, casual acquaintances, or members of P.E.O. One should be an academic reference; the other should be a character reference from an employer or someone who has worked with you in a service or volunteer capacity. The person providing a reference should use our form, put it in a sealed envelope, and sign his/her name across the seal. Include it in your envelope.

A complete application includes:

1. The application form (front and back) with the short essays attached
2. The Income and Expense Statement
3. Two sealed letters of reference on our forms
4. A copy of your transcript for *all* college work, including the most recent term. This may be an unofficial internet copy but it must be clearly legible.

Forward these materials together in one envelope to: **Ginger Hess**

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Questions: Call **206-232-8205** or contact by e-mail: rcbandgekscholarships@gmail.com OR vrohess@live.com.