

Seeking Scholars



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What is PSA?

P.E.O. Scholar Awards

Local PSA Chair

“Scholar” candidates



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Who could be a Scholar?

- Eligibility
- How to identify a potential Scholar
- Who that YOU know?
- WHO would know?
- Outreach means ASK others



What to ask?

- Do you know any outstanding female graduate students?
- Who are your outstanding female graduate / professional students?



What is the timeline for PSA?

- **Application process:**

Open August 20 – November 20, 2025

Awards announced May 1, 2026

Distribution begins August 1, 2026
(one full year of enrollment)

- **Expected graduation:**
(acceptable semesters)

- Spring (April or later) 2027
- Summer 2027
- Fall 2027
- Spring 2028
- Summer (August at latest) 2028

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What to do for the Scholar?

● Interview her:

- Provide questions ahead of time
- Get her story
- Find enthusiasm

● Inform her about:

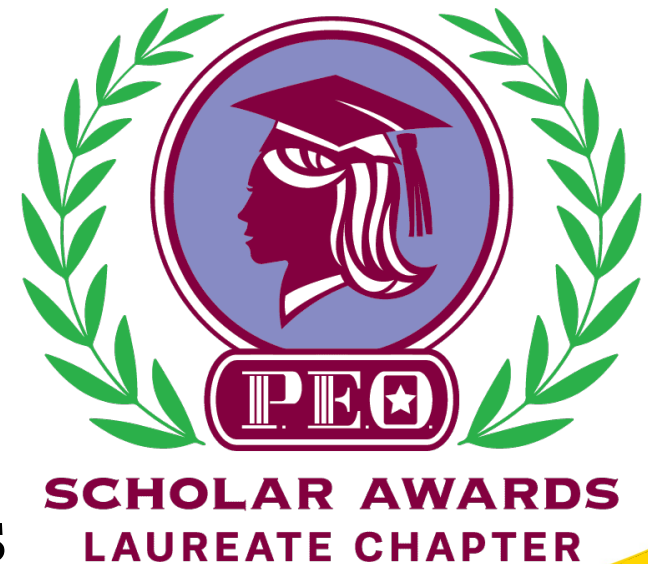
- P.E.O., PSA & other Projects
- PSA application process
- Conditions IF awarded

What is the role of PSA Chair?

- Seeks Scholar candidate
- Interviews Scholar and reports to Chapter
- IF majority vote is favorable, writes Chapter's letter of recommendation and submits nomination online
- Educates Chapter on PSA
- Encourages Chapter to attain Laureate status
- Submits annual PSA report to State chair

What is the Chapter's role?

- Suggest a Scholar candidate
- Vote to nominate the candidate
- Support and encourage her
- Contribute financially to PSA
- Attain “Laureate Chapter” status



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What is the overall process to become a P.E.O. Scholar?

- Nominated by local chapter
- Invited to apply (within 45 days)
- Complete application online
- Three letters of recommendation
- Selected by Board of Trustees



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What are the selection criteria?

- Nominee's proposal, stated career goals, academic grades, honors and awards
- Three letters of recommendation from professionals
- Tangible evidence of her scholarly work
- Subjective evaluation of her potential to contribute in her field and impact society

Additional Resources

PSA Policies, Procedures & General Information

Interviewing / Nominating Potential Scholar Awards
Candidates

Writing Your Chapter's Scholar Awards Nomination Letter

PSA Application Questions List

Chapter Forms & Online Instructions



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Thank you!

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Any Questions?



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