



**P.E.O. Foundation Rita Berkey Memorial Scholarship
Chapter BE
Fredericksburg, VA**

Scholarship Information

- Scholarship amount \$1,000.00.
- Awarded to a **female** entering a full time course of study at an accredited college, university or career and tech school for the year of the scholarship award.
- Only graduating seniors from Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George and Caroline counties or the city of Fredericksburg schools are eligible.
- Selection will be based on: community service, financial need, academic record, extra-curricular activities, and character.
- Application deadline is **March 2, 2021** to the address below.

Please attach two (2) copies of the following:

- Scholarship application form
- High school transcript
- 3 letters of recommendation. Two (2) from a school official: principal, teacher, counselor, coach, etc. and one (1) from a community leader: minister, scoutmaster, employer, volunteer sponsor, etc. Please include contact information, phone, email, address, etc.
- Listing of school and community honors
- Listing of extracurricular and community service activities
- Work experience
- Pending scholarship applications, if any (please list)
- Essay, video, pamphlet or other media explaining –

“If my life had no limits, what would I choose to do today and why?”

- Any other information which might be helpful to the selection committee

Please return the completed application packet to:

Celina Eyestone
31 Augusta Drive
Stafford, VA 22556



Scholarship Applicant: Complete and return all parts of this application in one envelope.

Last name: _____ First name: _____ MI: _____

Date of birth _____ School CEEB Code _____

E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone#: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Name of high school: _____

School phone #: _____ Date of graduation: _____

Counselor's name: _____

Parent(s) or guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: VA Zip code: _____

College(s) and location

Estimated yearly tuition and expenses

Are you a member of/or have a relative who is a member of P.E.O.? YES or NO

Explain: _____

Will you be receiving financial support from:

- a. Family income – YES or NO
- b. Other income – YES or NO
- c. What range is the current TOTAL annual family income:
 ___ \$10,000 - \$25,000 ___ \$65,000 - \$80,000 ___ \$110,000 - \$125,000
 ___ \$25,000 - \$40,000 ___ \$80,000 - \$95,000 ___ \$125,000 - \$140,000
 ___ \$40,000 - \$65,000 ___ \$95,000 - \$110,000 ___ \$over \$140,000
- d. How many family members are supported by the income cited in items C, above _____
- e. How many people provide this income? _____

Including yourself, how many, supported by the above annual income, will be attending in:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL</u>
2020 - 21	_____	_____
2021 - 22	_____	_____
2022 - 23	_____	_____
2023 - 24	_____	_____

Briefly describe your current work experience. (Include employer, length of employment and number of hours per week.)

Explain what (if any) volunteer work you have performed. (Include the number of hours per week. List on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)



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An Open Letter from the P.E.O. Rita Berkey Memorial Scholarship Committee...

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the P.E.O. Rita Berkey Memorial Scholarship. What an exciting time in your life! Going to college or vocational school is a life-changing event. It is the sincerest wish of the scholarship committee that we can assist you with your educational goals. This letter contains information that may be helpful in completing your application process.

About P.E.O. and our Mission

P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization where women celebrate the advancement of women. We help educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and through Cottey College stewardship and we motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. The P.E.O. Foundation is a nonprofit corporation established in 1961 to benefit educational projects. In order to comply with P.E.O. Foundation requirements and IRS regulations, recipient must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the U.S. or Canada and must be able to provide proof of such if requested. For more

information about PEO, check out <http://www.peointernational.org>

About P.E.O. Foundation Rita Berkey Memorial Scholarship

P.E.O. Chapter BE, Fredericksburg, VA, established this scholarship to honor one of our beloved members, Rita Berkey, a lifelong educator in the Fredericksburg area who passed away unexpectedly in 2010. The \$1,000.00 scholarship is awarded to a female entering a full-time course of study. Because community service was important to Mrs. Berkey, your community service is an important part of the application. The scholarship recipient will be required to complete an Acceptance of Scholarship form provided by the scholarship Committee. The Committee Chairperson, upon approval by the P.E.O. Foundation Board of Trustees, will notify the selected applicant.

Some Helpful Tips

When filling out the application, be sure to follow the instructions carefully and send the completed scholarship application packet no later than March 2, 2021. Incomplete or late packets will not be accepted. Thank you for your interest and best of luck in your educational pursuits.

Sincerely,

Celina Eyestone

Scholarship Committee Chairperson