



## Texas State Chapter P.E.O.



### P.E.O. Projects—Our Philanthropies

*"Women Helping Women Reach for the Stars!"*

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is passionate about our mission: **promoting educational opportunities for women**. In Texas, we are proud to support the six International educational projects, as well as two state projects.

### International Projects

**Educational Loan Fund (ELF)**, established in 1907, makes loans available to qualified women who desire higher education and are in need of financial assistance. A student must be recommended by a local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and within two years of completing her course of study. The current maximum loan is \$10,000 at 3% interest and due six years from the date of issue.

**P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (IPS)** Fund was established in 1949 to provide scholarships for international women students to pursue graduate study in the United States and Canada. The current maximum grant is \$10,000.

**P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE)** was established in 1973 to provide need based grants to women in the United States and Canada whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school to support themselves and/or their families. The maximum grant of \$3,000 may be used for academic or technical courses.

**P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA)** was established in 1991 to provide substantial merit-based awards for women of the United States and Canada who are either pursuing a doctoral level degree or engaged in postgraduate study or research at an accredited college or university. The current award is \$15,000.

**Cottey College** is a fully accredited liberal arts college for women at Nevada, Missouri, owned and operated by the P.E.O. Sisterhood since 1927.

**P.E.O. STAR Scholarship** offers individual awards of \$2,500 to high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited institution. Awards are based on academics, leadership, extra-curricular activities and community service.

### Texas State Projects

**Texas Cottey College Scholarship Funds (TCCSF)** is a Texas project providing assistance to academically qualified Texas women attending Cottey College.

**Texas Star Oaks Fund, Inc. (TSOFI)** provides assistance for P.E.O.'s and/or U.S. citizens residing in the state of Texas who are in dire financial need. Grants up to \$6,000 are awarded to help provide financial support for an improved quality of life, to help achieve economic self-sufficiency, or to provide emergency assistance.

For more information on the International projects please visit: [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org)