

**ANNUAL REPORT OF STATE CHAIR  
P.E.O. SCHOLAR AWARD  
2022-2023**

“Carrying our Story Forward”, the theme set by P.E.O. Ohio State Chapter President, Jan Hornack, gives the opportunity to not only look forward but to look back as well. Since PSA’s inception back in 1990, it has awarded \$30,250,000 (yes that’s millions) to over 2,630 doctoral students. Looking back gives the momentum to look forward with a deep sense of accomplishment and pride.

Presently in Ohio there were 21 PSA nominations submitted by 10 chapters. A huge thank you to the following chapters: K, L, AV, BP, CB, CL, CY, DP (10), DR, EF, EG, and EQ for their diligence and hard work in finding these women and in interviewing and completing the application process. The Scholar Award is \$20,000 which will be awarded to only 100 of the 775 applicants from across the country on May 1, 2022! This award is highly competitive and completely based upon merit. The selection is done by the P.E.O. Board of Trustees at International. One may never know the impact of P.E.O. awards, but be assured the Scholar Award has made a difference in the lives of many.

In addition, there are other options besides nominating a deserving candidate. By donating \$500 to PSA, one can become a Laureate Chapter. The following Chapters need to be acknowledged and commended for their contribution to the Scholar Award and are Laureate Chapters: I, L, Q, AB, AE, AG, AH, AM-BV, AR, AU, AV, BC, BG, BQ, CE, CH, CL, CP, CQ, CY, DB, DG, DH, DL, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DT, DU, DY, EB, EE, EF, EG, ET, EZ, and FL. Because Laureate means “worthy of the greatest honor or distinction”, it is a fitting descriptor for participating chapters. Thank you to all the above Laureate Chapters!

Communicating with local chapters through email, text, and phone calls to answer questions and give guidance was rewarding. *Heartline* articles and periodic activity reports were provided to the state board advisor. A speaker for the projects luncheon was secured and a display for the projects room at convention will be accomplished.

This chair would like to thank all the sponsoring chapters and Laureate Chapters for their support of the Scholar Award. It has been an honor to serve as State Chair for PSA this past year. The Scholars who benefit from this award are changing the world through research and study. They are “Carrying Our Story Forward”!

Joan Worthen, BP, Chair