

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE CHAIRMAN
P.E.O. STAR SCHOLARSHIP
2021-2022**

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is in its 13th year of helping high school seniors prepare for their entry into university; the scholarship remains at \$2,500 per recipient. Local chapters have 3 opportunities to go above and beyond when contributing to the STAR Scholarship: Named STAR Scholarships, Endowed STAR Scholarships, and STAR Constellation chapters.

It was another milestone year for the STAR Scholarship as 900 STAR Scholarships were awarded (including 42 Named and 2 Endowed STAR Scholarships)! There were also 1,168 STAR Constellation Chapters. Ohio State Chapter can proudly boast that we had 23 recipients of the 51 women nominated. We also had 39 chapters become STAR Constellation Chapters (an increase of 11 chapters from last year)!

Thanks to Ohio STAR Constellation Chapters: Q, U, Z, ZB, AE, AG, AM-BV, AR, AU, AY, BC, BD, BG, BQ, BX, CE, CH, CL, CP, CQ, CY, DB, DG, DH, DN, DO, DP, DQ, DR, DT, DU, DY, EB, EE, EK, ES, ET, EZ, and FL

The chairman wrote two *Heartline* articles this year regarding the STAR Scholarship. Each year, we get more comfortable with the technology during the nomination timeframe and have fewer glitches and challenges. It remains the chair's pleasure to assist chapters however possible to make sure the nomination process is smooth. While helping respond to questions, the chair got to hear about several of the women who were nominated for STAR Scholarships. The diversity in candidates that our chapters find is remarkable. It is a privilege to hear their stories and to be privy to the efforts our chapters take to identify, interview, and submit the sponsorship forms.

The 2022 Ohio State Convention will be in Athens, Ohio this year and we are THRILLED to have an in-person projects display. We will be highlighting the STAR Scholarship recipients as well as Constellation Chapters. We will also hear from Sophie Fulkerson, an Ohio STAR Scholarship recipient about how the STAR Scholarship helped her get ready for her freshman year at university. While we are grateful that we were able to connect virtually for convention during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are ecstatic to be gathering in-person to celebrate the incredible work being done across all the chapters in Ohio and to inspire and cast vision for the year ahead.

The chair wishes to thank her advisor, Becky McClelland for her endless support this year, especially in the last couple months as we juggled STAR Chair responsibilities with the organization of a new chapter: Chapter FO, North Ridgeville. It is a privilege to serve at the state level and to be a part of growing the sisterhood at the local level.

The STAR Scholarship is unique in that it plants the seeds about the value and importance of P.E.O. before most women are eligible (by age) to join the sisterhood. Identifying and nominating young women for this scholarship is truly a gift. We get to meet brilliant, confident, creative, ambitious, and generous women who have incredible potential to be great P.E.O.s in the future.

It is a privilege and honor to serve the state as the chair for the STAR Scholarship Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Davies, Chapter FO, STAR Chair