



SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR APPLICANT

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“We have nominated many women for projects, but we have never had a successful recipient.”

“Our nominee was a good student who really needed financial help, but she wasn’t chosen”

Is there a magic formula for successfully nominating a woman for a project?

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We have heard these statements and questions many times by frustrated chapters who nominate women, but never enjoy the satisfaction of having a successful recipient.

Is there a formula? That would be wonderful! It would make the process simpler for everyone. But, unfortunately, there is no magic formula.

There are, however, important tips to help you.

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Your candidate will complete applications and financial information (if necessary) but it is your chapter's work that is most important.

First of all, find the ideal candidate:

- ★ What is her future potential?
- ★ What is her level of academic excellence?
- ★ What is the financial need (for those projects based on need)?
- ★ How will the money be used?
- ★ What are her accomplishments, awards, and activities?



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Your face-to-face meeting with your candidate is *essential*.

Through this contact you will be able to write the best nomination letter. Remember that your letter helps awards committees know your candidate. Your letter needs to make her

STAND OUT from all the other many applicants.

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Here are some tips for writing a chapter nomination letter:

- ★ A one page single spaced letter is sufficient to introduce your nominee.
- ★ Start by specifying in what capacity and for how long the chapter has known the nominee.
- ★ If she is a P.E.O. or has P.E.O. family connections, include that information.
- ★ Give a brief overview of the nominee's goals.
- ★ Outline specific accomplishments or activities that would help to highlight her qualifications.



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- ★ Tell her story and be sure to give any distinctive qualities that make her unique.
- ★ For Scholar Awards, highlight collegiate honors and activities.
- ★ Sum up why the chapter feels that this nominee is qualified for the award. What is it about her that led your chapter to vote to nominate her?



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- *BE SURE TO CAREFULLY READ ALL GUIDELINES FOR THE PROJECT ON THE INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE.*
- *FOR OHIO SCHOLARSHIPS, SEE GUIDELINES AND FORMS AT WWW.OHIOPEO.ORG.*
- *TAKE THE ONLINE TRAINING SO YOU KNOW THE PROCEDURES FOR NEW ONLINE APPLICATIONS.*
- *REMEMBER THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.*

STAR Scholarship Candidate Daisy May Green

Chapter DP, Ohio is pleased to recommend Daisy May Green as an outstanding candidate for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship. Daisy is an excellent student at Babbling Brook High School in suburban Cincinnati. Daisy has been mentored by the veterinarians at the local animal hospital where she is employed; her career goal is small animal veterinary medicine. We were introduced to Daisy by Chapter DP sister Sue Small, who admires Daisy's skill and dedication.

Daisy has been raised by her mother in an apartment in the downtown area where she never could have a pet. She started volunteering at the local animal shelter when she was ten, gradually assuming more and more responsibility for "her" dogs. She met the local vet, Dr. Gray, at the animal shelter and as soon as she was legally able to work (age 15), she joined her staff as a "kennel kid." Daisy has tremendous affection for and rapport with abused animals; one of her jobs at the animal hospital is giving those animals special loving care. Daisy is now a valued member of the staff, working five hours every day after school and all day Saturday. Sundays, Daisy returns to the animal shelter to continue her volunteer work.

Dr. Gray and her staff have mentored Daisy, helping her select courses for her university pre-vet curriculum. She has taken the highest level math and science classes at Babbling Brook, including three Advanced Placement classes. She has taken grade level humanities classes to keep her GPA as high as possible, and to accommodate her extraordinary work schedule.

STAR Scholarship Daisy May Green cont'd

Daisy is a talented soccer player who has played on the BBHS varsity team for three years. She couldn't afford to play select club soccer, which ruled out being recruited for a college soccer scholarship. She loves the sport and is very enthusiastic about coaching the children in her apartment complex.

Daisy has little time left for high school activities though she enjoys singing in the school chorus. She sings with her dogs and she giggled as she described how terriers and bulldogs and good old mutts would sing with her. Daisy is convinced that music makes a difference in canine recuperation.

Dr. Gray had only the highest praise for Daisy, her gifted care for animals, her strong work ethic, and her determination to attend college and vet school. She depends upon Daisy's nurturing nursing skills with the ill and injured animals; Daisy is also very popular with the animal owners in the practice, combining sympathy and understanding with knowledgeable recommendations for animal care.

Daisy May Green has an extraordinary drive to succeed coupled with an innate gift caring for animals. Chapter DP enthusiastically endorses her as a young woman who exemplifies the true spirit and potential of the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship.

STAR Scholarship Candidate Grace Elizabeth Brown

Chapter DP, Ohio, is pleased to recommend Grace Elizabeth Brown as an outstanding candidate for the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship. Grace is a high-achieving student from Babbling Brook High School in suburban Cincinnati. Grace is involved in many school organizations, does volunteer work with her church youth group, and will be a counselor-in-training at Camp Hiawatha after graduation. Chapter DP sister Pamela Smith is a fellow parishioner at Grace's family church.

Grace holds a top ten percent class rank and will complete 8 Advanced Placement courses before graduation. She is also a National Merit semi-finalist. Grace's AP classes encompass a wide range of academic interests, from English and French to Calculus, Physics and Biology. She states that technical classes "come easily to her" and that she will probably major in a technical area in college. Grace's top choices include Harvard, Duke, and Stanford; she is also considering Vanderbilt and Northwestern because they offer strong engineering programs plus an active Greek system.

Grace is a part of everything that happens at Babbling Brook HS; she has had chorus roles in the school musicals and enjoys French Club. Grace is also a Student Council member and plays on the junior varsity tennis team. She especially enjoys attending school sporting events and lending her voice to the student cheer section. Grace is especially proud to have been selected for the BBHS Homecoming Court for the past three years.

STAR Scholarship Candidate Grace E. Brown cont'd

Grace's church youth group has a service requirement; Grace has worked in local soup kitchens and collected coats for the homeless. She feels that she is "making a difference" with her volunteer work.

Grace and her siblings attend Camp Hiawatha for eight weeks every summer. She states that camp is the happiest part of her year and is hoping that college will offer the same intense friendships that camp has furnished. As a former camper, Grace will be a counselor-in-training next summer, assisting with the tennis program.

Grace Elizabeth Brown is an accomplished and well-rounded young woman who will make a difference on her future college campus. Chapter DP is pleased to endorse her for a P.E.O. STAR Scholarship.

P.E.O. Scholar Award Candidate Claire Mary Black

Chapter DP, Ohio is pleased to nominate Claire Mary Black for a P.E.O. Scholar Award. Claire is a college friend of Kelsey Small, the daughter of DP sister Sue Small. Claire attended a chapter meeting and gave the chapter a brief overview of her current research program at the University of Cincinnati.

Claire was an undergraduate at Xavier University in Cincinnati where she majored in mathematics and physics. She is now a Ph.D. student in the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Cincinnati. Her thesis work is in the area of computational fluid dynamics, which uses computer models to simulate the complex fluid flows in real, but complicated systems. Claire is studying the movement of air around a tall windmill turbine with the specific application of energy generation by wind. This is a complicated problem involving the unsteady motion of the air near a moving boundary (the windmill blade). The results of her thesis should assist in the improved design of windmill turbines to improve their efficiency in green power generation.

Claire is passionate about the environment and plans to work in the alternative energy field after she receives her Ph.D. in 2015. As an undergraduate at Xavier, she led various campus environmental initiatives. She was mentored by the Women in Engineering program at UC which prompted her to pursue a UC doctoral program in Mechanical Engineering.

Claire's research is funded in part by a Department of Energy research grant. She has co-authored numerous publications and given talks at regional and national scientific meetings. She attended Xavier on a full-tuition scholarship and received undergraduate awards for her environmental volunteer work and from the Physics Department.

Claire May Black is an accomplished engineer whose continued research in alternative energy will make a difference in our children's world. Chapter DP enthusiastically endorses her for the P.E.O. Scholar Award.



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