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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to inform you of a funding source available for female students wishing to further their education. This source is P.E.O., an international Philanthropic Educational Organization “of women, by women and for women”. P.E.O. supports women both through friendships and the bonds of sisterhood and through educational scholarships, grants, awards and loans. P.E.O. is one of the oldest women’s organizations in North America . P.E.O. has grown to more than 6,000 local chapters with nearly a quarter of a million members in the United States and Canada. There is a local chapter in Red Deer.

The grants, awards and loans are open to women in various stages of their post-secondary education. I would encourage you to visit the P.E.O. International website, linked below to read more about P.E.O. and its various philanthropies. As well, I have attached an information sheet summarizing the projects. Each project has its own specific requirements that will need to be shared with students. *Important for high school students is the STAR award, details of which are on the attachment. This is an award for outstanding girls with high academic standing and strong leadership, volunteerism, and excellence in sports, music or other endeavours. The application process for this award starts in grade 11.* www.peointernational.org

[Also for high school students](#) who are residents of Alberta and Saskatchewan, there is the F. E. Taylor award. It provides a \$1000 scholarship to young women with high financial and acceptable academic standing who need assistance to pursue their post-secondary education. It is of relevance to Grade 12 and first-year college students entering their second year. Please have students contact me as soon as possible to start the application process. Deadline for submission is in August but it is a process that must be started soon. More information about this award may be found at www.peoab-sk.ca

Each application for any of the projects must be supported by a letter of support from the chapter of the area in which the student resides or attends school. Therefore, it is necessary for an applicant to meet with a chapter member. In Central Alberta, the members belong to Chapter O, P.E.O.

Thank you for sharing this information with your students seeking funding assistance in their pursuit of higher education. Given the circumstances of 2020 there may be many female students who would benefit from this support. We look forward to assisting you, and your students, meet their needs.

Sincerely,

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