P.E.O. Financial Assistance for Women

The P.E.O. Sisterhood proudly makes a difference in women's lives with philanthropies that include assistance for women pursuing higher education who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada.

For **College of Coastal Georgia students**, the following programs may be of interest:

P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (**PCE**), established in 1973, is a need-based grant program providing one-time financial assistance to women whose education has been interrupted and who are returning to school to complete a degree.



PROGRAM FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

- For women within 18 months of graduation, who have had at least a 24 consecutive month break from College
- Grant Amount: up to \$3,000
- A PCE grant is a grant-in-aid for education related expenses such as:
 - \circ tuition, books, supplies, testing and graduation fees
 - transportation (only for estimated cost of gas, parking, and local bus fare, not for auto loan payments or maintenance)
 - childcare (only while in class or studying)
 - uniforms required by the educational program
 - equipment/tools necessary for the course of study
- A PCE grant is not to be used for living expenses or to repay educational loans or personal debt.
- Grants are not loans; no repayment is required.

https://www.peointernational.org/pce-eligibility-requirements

P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF),

established in 1907, makes loans available to qualified women who desire a higher education and are in need of financial assistance.

• For women within 6 – 24 months of graduating



- Loan Amount: up to \$12,000 for an associate or bachelor's degree
- Simple Interest Rate: 2%
- Monies received from the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund shall not be used for debt reduction (educational, personal, etc.).
- Six months after the borrower's stated graduation date or withdrawal from the educational program, equal installments of combined principal and interest will commence.

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