CHERRY GRAY P.E.O.SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – 2025-2026

ELIGIBILITY:

A woman is eligible to apply for the Cherry Gray Scholarship if she:

- Is a United States Citizen;
- Is a high school female graduate or in final academic year of high school (senior year) in an accredited high school at the time of application deadline, age 20 or under, and attending one of the following High Schools: Lake Travis, Dripping Springs, or Vandergrift. Has minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 grading system and provide official transcripts;
- Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in the U.S. for full-time or part-time study;
- Exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, and community service;
- Is recommended by the P.E.O. Chapter FK Scholarship Selection Committee and receives the majority vote of P.E.O. Chapter FK.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The candidate must:

- Provide a completed application
- Provide 2 recommendations (each hand signed):
  - 1 recommendation from school - teacher, coach, or school club advisor
  - 1 personal recommendation from **outside of school and family**. It is required that the writer state how he/she knows the applicant.
- cm^3 Provide Activities Resume and follow example format
- Write one page essay explaining her potential higher education and career goals.
- Provide official high school transcript (current, certified by the high school with a signature, stamped with school's stamp, and arrive in a sealed envelope.)
- **ALL** the above paperwork must be sent in **ONE** envelope and received by Scholarship Selection Committee by **January 31, 2025. Do not send partial paperwork as applications with incomplete paperwork will not be considered.**

SELECTION PROCESS:

- The applications of individuals who satisfy the eligibility criteria set forth above will be evaluated by Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Select candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview with this Committee in the Lakeway area.
- The Committee will present its choice to P.E.O. Chapter FK. The candidate must receive a majority vote of the chapter.
- Before the successful candidate is notified, the P.E.O. Foundation must verify that Chapter FK properly completed the selection process (which takes approximately 4 weeks).

AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

The successful candidate will:

- Be notified of her award by the Selection Committee.
- Complete the online P.E.O. ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIP form AND her portion of the P.E.O. CONFIRMATION OF ENROLLMENT form. The registrar of the scholarship recipient's college/university must complete it's part of the P.E.O. CONFIRMATION OF ENROLLMENT form before any payment will be made. **Payment will be sent directly to the college/university.** B 9/13/23

CHERRY GRAY SCHOLARSHIP
P.E.O. CHAPTER FK – AUSTIN
2025-2026
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NAME_____
Last First Middle (Preferred Name or Nickname)

MAILING ADDRESS_____
Street City State Zip Code

PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different from above)_____

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE_____ HIGH SCHOOL NAME_____

HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS_____

UNWEIGHTED GPA_____ CLASS RANK_____
(Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5 on 4.0 grading system and provide official transcripts – see instructions)

EMAIL_____ CELL PHONE_____

BIRTHDATE_____ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? YES_____NO_____

NAME OF PERSON WRITING SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION (teacher, coach, or school club advisor)

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NAME OF INDIVIDUAL WRITING PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION:(Outside of family and school. Writer must include how she/he knows the applicant.)

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FAMILY INFORMATION:

NAME OF FATHER/STEPFATHER/GUARDIAN_____

NAME OF MOTHER/STEPMOTHER/GUARDIAN_____

PARENT SIGNATURE (if applicant is under 18 years of age)_____

May the P.E.O. Sisterhood use your name and information for publicity purposes if selected as a recipient?

(Yes)_____ (No)_____

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ACTIVITIES RESUME:

Please submit a high school activities resume in the following format. Group your activities as (1) school-related (clubs, sports, student government, fine arts, etc), (2) community and personal (volunteer work, youth programs, music dance, choir, scouting, 4-H, hobbies to which you have devoted time, etc., and (3) work experience (paid employment, self-employment, summer jobs, internships, etc. List the most significant activities first, and indicate leadership positions held, awards/recognition received, etc. **PLEASE USE THE FORMAT OF THE EXAMPLE BELOW TO DEVELOP YOUR LIST OF ACTIVITIES.**

EXAMPLES:

(1)	School - related				
	Indoor soccer	9, 10, 11, 12	6 hrs/wk	36 wks/yr.	captain (11,12)
	Drama Club	9	½ hr/wk	18 wks/yr	
(2)	Community & Personal				
	Piano	9, 10, 11, 12	3 hrs/wk	50 wks/yr	
	Hospice volunteer	10/11/12	8 hrs/wk	4 wks/yr	help train other vols.
(3)	Work Experience				
	Emma's Café	11/12	30 hrs/wk	12 wks/yr	summer job; waitress

ESSAY:

Please attach a **one-page** essay articulating and discussing your potential higher education and career goals.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

As soon as **all** application materials (application form, transcripts, 2 hand-signed letters of recommendation, activities resume and essay) are completed, send them to Debbie Schultz, 105 Cog Hill Ct., Austin, TX 78738 any time before JANUARY 31, 2025
NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JANAURY 31, 2025 The Chairman can be reached at 512-657-6524 or dschaustin@aol.com

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CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

There are six documents which must be received by JANUARY 31, 2025.
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP, SEND ALL TOGETHER IN ONE MAILING to:
Debbie Schultz, Cherry Gray Selection Committee,
105 Cog Hill Ct., Austin, TX 78738

☐ Completed application

☐ Two Letters of Recommendation:

1 recommendation from the following categories: teacher, coach, or school club advisor

1 personal recommendation (Outside of family and school. Writer must include how she/he knows the applicant.)

The 2 recommendations must be hand signed.

☐ Activities Resume - Following example format.

☐ One page essay explaining her potential higher education and career goals.

☐ Official high school transcript – current, certified by the high school with a signature, stamped with school's stamp, and arrive in a sealed envelope within the packet.

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