Scholarships for Women

Do you know: a talented young woman graduating from high school? A women pursuing training for a new career? A woman working to complete a degree that was interrupted by other obligations? Women working on master's or doctor's degree's? Local P.E.O. chapters can help those qualified to apply for the scholarships that meet their needs.

P.E.O. is a women's organization supporting and promoting women's education and dedicated to enriching the lives of women of diverse ages and lives. Founded in 1869, there are chapters in the United States and Canada. New York has 80 chapters including 4 in the Ithaca area.

The opportunities available through the International P.E.O, organization include:

* Cottey College has two and four year programs. It is owned by P.E.O., rated highly, and attracts both national and international students.
* Educational Loan Fund provides loans at 2% interest. The maximum amounts are $12,000 non-degree accredited or associate programs; $15,000 for bachelor degrees, $15,000 for master's degrees and $20,000 for doctoral degrees.
* International Peace Scholarships for women's pursuing graduate study in the U.S. or Canada. Applicants are international students. The maximum amount is $12,000.
* Program for Continuing Education is for women whose education has been interrupted. The maximum grant is $3,000 which supports educational expenses from tuition to child care while in class.
* Scholar Awards are merit based with a maximum of $20,000 for doctoral level degrees.
* STAR scholarships are for exceptional high school graduating women with an award of $2,500.

Specific to New York State are scholarships to attend Cottey College, plus scholarships for undergraduate and master's students. New York also has a fund for emergency aid and a fund to reimburse prospective Cottey College student travel expenses to attend recruitment events.

Information on the International Scholarships can be found at www.peointernational.org. Look at the listing under P.E.O. Projects. New York State information can be found at www.peonewyork.org. The local

contact is Diane Conneman (dyk2@cornell.edu or 607-257-1470) who will match you up with a local chapter to interview and sponsor you.