

MICHIGAN STATE CHAPTER P.E.O. SISTERHOOD
MICHIGAN COTTEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
INFORMATION FOR MICHIGAN P.E.O. Chapters
(Keep in local chapter Michigan Cottey College Scholarship file.)

The Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Committee is responsible for administering the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship and the Michigan Cottey College Grants-In-Aid.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN COTTEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND THE GRANTS-IN-AID?

The Michigan Cottey College Scholarship is awarded to a first year Michigan resident who has been accepted for admission and has the highest grade point average over a 3.0. This award is funded by the \$10 chapter assessment paid every year by each Michigan P.E.O. chapter. The amount of the award varies based upon the number of chapters active in the state of Michigan. If there is no first year qualified applicant, the scholarship may be awarded to a second year student. The yearly grants-in-aid from our fund come from chapter and individual donations to the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund along with income from a fund held by the P.E.O. Foundation. This amount will vary every year. The fund balance as of March 31 is distributed in entirety every year with no administrative costs. The recipients are both first and second year students who have been accepted and admitted to Cottey (including the scholarship winner), and they must have a 2.0 grade point or higher to be eligible.

All applications must be received by the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund chairman by March 1 prior to fall enrollment.

WHERE DO I FIND AN APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS AND HOW DO I KNOW IF IT IS CURRENT?

Current applications are available from the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship chairman (see current state committee list on the Michigan state web site: www.peomichigan.org).

HOW MUCH ARE THE GRANT-IN-AID AWARDS?

The amounts vary each year depending upon the number of qualified applicants, the amount of donations to the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund, and the yearly income from the fund held by the P.E.O. Foundation. In recent years, women have received \$3500 to \$5000 per year.

HOW ARE THE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO THE STUDENTS?

The recipients are notified in early April after the committee has met to consider all the applications. The Financial Aid office at Cottey receives this information on our Michigan recipients and our Michigan State Board Treasurer transfers the funds to the

students' accounts after confirmation of enrollment in early September and early January. The scholarship and grant funds are divided between the first and second semesters.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A RECIPIENT WITHDRAWS HER APPLICATION FROM COTTEY AFTER NOTIFICATION OF BEING A RECIPIENT?

If the scholarship recipient withdraws before enrollment in September, the award goes to the next most qualified first year applicant. If a grant-in-aid recipient declines the award or withdraws from Cottey before enrollment, those funds are divided equally among the other grant-in-aid and scholarship recipients.

WHAT IS THE POLICY IF A STUDENT WHO IS A RECIPIENT WITHDRAWS BEFORE THE END OF A SEMESTER?

Each applicant for our Michigan Cottey College Scholarship and grant-in-aid funds signs a statement on her application about our policy regarding withdrawal. If their withdrawal is on their own initiative prior to the end of a semester they are required to repay the Michigan Cottey College Scholarship Fund the full amount for that semester only.

WHERE SHOULD CHAPTER AND INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS TO THE MICHIGAN COTTEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND BE SENT?

The Project Transmittal Form (available on the Michigan P.E.O. web site www.peomichigan.org) may be used to send in chapter and individual donations to our Michigan State Treasurer.

If there are any questions regarding trusts or bequests, the P.E.O. Foundation will provide assistance.

IF OUR CHAPTER HAS CHOSEN TO ADOPT ONE OF OUR MICHIGAN COTTEY STUDENTS, WHEN WILL WE FIND OUT WHICH STUDENT WE HAVE AND HER COTTEY ADDRESS?

Chapters who signed up at state convention at our Michigan Cottey College Scholarship project table will be notified in the fall of their adopted Michigan student, her Cottey address, and her birthday. If your chapter did not sign up on the list at convention, please notify a member of our committee for your instructions. For the 2006-2007 school year, please contact Rebekah Darnell (rebekah.darnell@usa.net) or Liz Patterson (JPEP@webtv.net).

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!