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| **P.E.O. Chapter CE Scholarships for Women Attending Oregon Coast Community College**  P.E.O. Chapter CE of Newport Oregon donates money for Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) scholarships to be awarded to women who have graduated from Newport, Toledo or Waldport High Schools. Our goal is to support women in continuing their education after high school. These scholarships are awarded based on scholastic achievement, financial need, and the candidate's plans for use of her education after graduation.  Applicants must have a minimum of 2.8 GPA either from their high school or gained through courses at OCCC.  At the present time, these scholarships are reserved for citizens and permanent legal residents of the U.S. or Canada who are planning to attend OCCC.  The scholarships may not be awarded to family members of P.E.O. International, or at the request of donors to the funds, or relatives of the selection committee. The applicant must be able to reply NO to the following questions:   * Is applicant a P.E.O. member or related to a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood? * Is the applicant a donor or substantial contributor to the individual fund or a family member of the donor's or contributor's family? * Is there a family relationship between the applicant and a member of the scholarship selection committee? For 2024, Committee members include: Martha Wallace; Andi Sachs, Syd Hatch, Bette Harmon, Laurie Kirmeyer, Rosemary Tuana.   If you meet these criteria and wish to apply for a scholarship for the 2024 academic year, please complete the application, and gather the following required documents:   * 1 Transcripts from your high school(s) including GPA and any courses taken at OCCC. * 2 A paper describing why you are pursuing financial aid to attend Oregon Coast Community College: what are your post college employment goals: do you have dependents to support while in college; and why are you enrolling in college at this point in your life if some years have elapsed since high school graduation? * 3 Your one - two page essay describing any challenges that you have faced in your life so far, how you met them, and what impact that has had on your life? Do you have a role model and how has their influence been important? * 4 A letter of recommendation, from an instructor who is not related to you, who is familiar with your work, academic performance, and character. Return your application with all of the other documents in one package by email to: [**seathru2@msn.com**](mailto:seathru2@msn.com) **on or before February 19, 2024, 5:00 pm.** Incomplete applications will be discarded.   If you prefer not to apply by email, submit your complete application packet with a recommendation, transcripts and essays by U.S. mail to: Sydney Hatch, 360 W. Ellendale Ave., #42, Dallas, Oregon 97338. Applications must be received by February 19 at 5:00 pm.  Regardless of your method of submitting your application and documents, we will contact you by email. In the past, there have been challenges getting applicants to answer email in a timely manner. Do not provide an email address from OCCC or the Public Library. **It will disqualify your application.** Provide an e-mail you monitor daily. To assure that you receive information from us, we ask that you put Sydney Hatch [seathru2@msn.com](mailto:seathru2@msn.com) into your contacts list so the emails will not end up in your trash folder. You will be notified of decisions on or before March 1, 2024.  If you have questions, or need clarification, contact me at 775-990-4500.  Sincerely,  Sydney Hatch |
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