CHAPTER BF  P.E.O.
BARBARA BATES GUNDERTON SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you for your interest in the Barbara Bates Gunderson Scholarship. We at Chapter BF, P.E.O. are pleased to consider you for one of the $1,000 scholarships to be awarded.

Scholarship application period January 1st through March 15th. All application materials must be received by the March 15th deadline to be considered. Recipients will be notified via mail by May 1st.

Application material is to be mailed to:
Eileen Rossow
23541 Peregrine Point Place
Rapid City, SD 57702
Please email peregrineptbb@msn.com with any questions

Requirements for Eligibility:
-Female
-Current student at a high school senior level or above
-United States citizen
-Minimum gpa of 2.5
-Community involvement

Requirements for Inclusion with Application:
-Completed application form
-Personal story including goals written in an essay format addressed to Barbara Bates Gunderson (one page typed)
-Two letters of reference
-Official copy of latest school transcripts
-List of extracurricular activities on a separate sheet
-List of all community service and involvement, work experience and any academic awards or recognition on a separate sheet

Other Requirements and Suggestions:
-An interview may be requested by the scholarship committee. The committee will contact the applicant with this request. Interview may be conducted via telephone or in person
-Applicants need to exhibit excellence in academics, leadership, extracurricular activities, and community service and show the potential for future success
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NAME ____________________________

PERMANENT ADDRESS ____________________________

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CURRENT ADDRESS ____________________________

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DATE OF BIRTH ____________________________ CITIZEN OF USA __________________

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER ____________________________

CELL NUMBER ____________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS ____________________________

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED ____________________________ CITY __________________

GRADUATION DATE ____________________________

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING ____________________________ CITY __________________

SCHOOL PLANNING TO ATTEND AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO ____________________________

____________________________________ CITY __________________

CURRENT GPA ____________________________

FIELD OF STUDY PURSUING OR INTERESTED IN ____________________________

CURRENT MAJOR ____________________________

CURRENT MINOR ____________________________

I, the undersigned applicant attest that the application material is true and accurate. I give my permission to PEO Chapter BF to publish my name in the local newspapers and in PEO publications if I am chosen to be one of the scholarship recipients.

____________________________________ Date __________

____ ONE PAGE ESSAY
____ TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE
____ OFFICIAL COPY OF LATEST SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS
____ LIST OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
____ LIST OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, WORK EXPERIENCE, AND ANY ACADEMIC AWARDS OR RECOGNITION
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Barbara Bates Gunderson was one of six children born into a newspaper publisher’s family in Eastern South Dakota during World War I. Her parents believed in the power of education to make our world a better place, and from their example she came to understand the necessity of education and its role in leadership in the community. Barbara attended Yankton College, and there she discovered her natural skills for journalism and writing, while also discovering radio broadcasting. This interest took her to Kansas City where she met Bob, her husband and life partner. In later years, she wrote prolifically, penning numerous newspaper columns, letters, and two novels.

Barbara’s leadership skills were evident as she pursued and accepted numerous positions of responsibility far too lengthy to list in their entirety. On the local level, she served on the hospital board, library boards, service organizations, church committees, and charitable giving groups, many of which she served as president. Her community involvement led her into politics, where she served as a national party committeewoman and she ran for the US Senate. All of these experiences in life were learning experiences for Barbara.

Her outstanding character, strong leadership skills, and innovative thinking resulted in her appointment as one of the first women on the Federal Civil Service Commission and she served in Washington DC in that capacity. She was a tireless advocate for equal opportunities for women, both in the field of education and the workplace.

Barbara was an active and vocal member of PEO, Chapter BF for over 50 years. It is through this organization that a scholarship in her name has been initiated. She bequeathed to PEO a monetary gift and it is the chapter’s wish that it be used as a tribute to Barbara and what she stood for and worked for – the education and equality of women. Her hope was that through education all women will enjoy freedom and independence in our ever-changing world.