

The Miriam Scarborough Scholarship was established in 1973 to honor Miriam Scarborough who served as Mississippi State President P.E.O. from 1970 – 1971.

It is sponsored by the Mississippi State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood with funds administered by the P.E.O. Foundation located in Des Moines, Iowa



P.E.O. is an International women's philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate each other to achieve their highest aspirations.

P.E.O. was founded in 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

There are nearly a quarter of a million members with chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Miriam Scarborough Scholarship



*Scholarships for
Women attending a
Mississippi college or
university or Cottey College*

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The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a female high school graduate to attend Cottey College* or a college or university of her choice located in the State of Mississippi.

The number of annual awards given depends on the availability of funds.

The award granted is for a single scholarship for one year and may be paid to the recipient or to her account at the school in which she is enrolled. Payments are mailed after July 1 when all requirements are complete.

This scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, leadership and need.



Cottey College is a fully accredited residential liberal arts and sciences college for women with two-year and selected four-year programs. It is owned and supported by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, located in Nevada, Missouri.

Application requirements for the Miriam Scarborough Scholarship

- Female Mississippi resident and high school graduate.
- Accepted by Cottey College or a college or university in Mississippi as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior.
- ACT score of 24 or higher or SAT combined score of 1100.
- High school transcript. (Should have a GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading system for 6 semesters.)
- Leadership resume for grades 10 - 12 (include school, community and church activities).
- A Statement of Financial need completed by parent or guardian.
- An itemized expense sheet for the academic year.

Qualified applicants may be requested to attend an interview with a local Miriam Scarborough Scholarship Committee.

Applications, financial need forms, and the Counselor's Recommendation form will be filled out online, and must be submitted by February 1.

Scholarships are announced each year in March/April.



The graded criteria used in awarding the Miriam Scarborough Scholarship uses a 100 point (maximum) system, divided as follows:

25% ACT or SAT (combined score)

25% Grade Point Average

25% Leadership

25% Need

