

Lesley Eastwood Memorial Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship application is for Central Oregon Community College students who have been accepted into the Nursing Program.

(\$5,000 for one year of schooling)

Scholarship application must be received by May 1, 2025

This scholarship is provided by the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a U.S.-based international women's organization, with a primary focus on providing education opportunities for female students worldwide. This scholarship is provided by Chapter AI, Oregon, located in Bend.

We encourage you to apply if you meet *all* of the following criteria:

1. Are a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident
2. Are a second-year nursing student at COCC
3. Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
4. Understand that this scholarship is "female preferred"
5. In addition to the four requirements above, the selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on the quality of the three narrative questions, financial need, and interview with the P.E.O. committee (finalists will have a required interview). The scholarship recipient will be selected from among the qualified applicants.

Because this scholarship is given through an organization (P.E.O.), a strong applicant is one who is organized and responsible for required deadlines. For example, the recipient must establish a personal portal via an e-mail link from which to complete required forms, show confirmation of enrollment, and so forth. A member of P.E.O. Chapter AI will be available to help but the student must keep track of the deadlines and independently complete the required forms.

We are honored to provide this scholarship in memory of a former P.E.O. Chapter AI member, Lesley Eastwood:

Lesley Flaccus Eastwood graduated from Mount Holyoke College and maintained a strong relationship with women's education. Both of her daughters attended women's colleges. She came to Central Oregon in the 1970s and lived her dream of raising Arabian horses. In joining PEO, she found camaraderie in women interested in ensuring that all women have access to quality education. She volunteered as a 4-H mother and leader, a Court Appointed Special Advocate, and with the Arabian horse community. She and her husband, Dr. Ivan Eastwood, were long supporters of COCC's nursing program, helping a friend access this education when it was newly available in Central Oregon. Nurses serve an important role in healthcare ensuring care, consideration, aptitude, and kindness, all qualities Lesley provided to her community and friends.



