

**PEO Chapter JL Memorial Scholarship
\$500 Annual Award**

This scholarship is awarded annually in memory of Marlene Carver and Louise Yemm to support and encourage young women of the Sauk Valley area in furthering their education. Selection is based on the applicant's participation in a leadership role in community service activities, volunteer work or in co-curricular activities plus the content of a 500-word essay submission.

Scholarship Description

1. Scholarships are for one year; previous winners may reapply.
2. Scholarships may be used to offset tuition, school supplies, or other school related expenses.
3. Funds will be issued directly to the student by August 1.
4. Scholarship is awarded annually.

Applicant/Application Requirements

1. Applicant must be entering an accredited technical school, community college, college or university.
2. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15th.

Notification

- Finalists will be notified by phone and/or email in May.

Review Criteria

A scholarship committee will carefully review each application in search of the most deserving recipients. A personal interview may be requested as part of the interview process. Judges will consider several criteria, including:

- Leadership experience in community service, volunteer, or co-curricular activities;
- Analysis of transcript; and
- The content of a 500-word essay submission.

Rank-in-class will not be a determining factor. Scholarship awards are for one year only.

Application Checklist

By **April 15th**, please postmark and submit the following materials to Mary Ellen Wilkinson, 1705 37th Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081:

- Completed application
- Current transcript from high school, community college, college or university
- Proof that you are seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree. (Transcript or acceptance letter may suffice; consult your registrar or guidance department office for more information)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members (at least one should be from a faculty member).
- 500-word essay on your educational and career goals.

