



Lois Robinson Somers and Lawrence Hutchinson Somers Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) Scholarship

Who were Lois and Lawrence Somers?

Lois and Larry were lifelong Hawaii residents.

They believed their primary responsibility was to raise their four children to be contributing members of society with a good education that started in the home. They sacrificed much to ensure that the best education was a top priority, with learning becoming a life-long pursuit. Once their children were independent, Lois and Larry enjoyed traveling, learning about cultures around the world, but their hearts were always on Kauai where generations of Lois' family have lived. They loved the island's people, culture, and the land itself. They split their time between Honolulu and Makaweli.



Both were active in the community with P.E.O. being central to both their social life and charitable work. Ruth Somers, Larry's mother, introduced Lois to P.E.O. and after nearly 50 years in P.E.O. Chapter C Oahu, and at the age of 96, Lois became a founding member of Chapter L Kauai. With appreciation for their parents' commitment to education, their children have established a P.E.O. Scholarship for a woman from west Kauai to further her education so she, too, can become a contributing member of society. This scholarship is a legacy to Lois and Larry's inspired lives and ideals.

WHO CAN APPLY

A west Kauai woman graduating high school **or** furthering her post-graduate level education who has been accepted and/or attending an accredited U.S. or Canadian college. Applicants should exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities or work life, community service and potential for future success, preferably on Kauai, with an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must be a citizen or legal resident of the U.S. or Canada.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

P.E.O. Chapter LHI's website: www.peokauai.org under the Somers Scholarship Tab.

WHEN TO APPLY

Application materials including reference letters must be postmarked or emailed no later than **midnight February 21, 2026**, and mailed to:

P.E.O. Chapter L

P.O. Box 546

Kekaha, HI 96752-0546

Or emailed to: suecarlson.peo@gmail.com



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed application sheet **and** essay answering questions
- ☐ High school or college transcript
- ☐ Listing of your extracurricular activities and volunteerism
- ☐ Two reference letters:

Make two copies of the recommendation form and request one recommendation from a teacher and one recommendation from a community member (employer, minister, etc.). Family members cannot be used as references. Follow up with them to be sure their letters are submitted by **February 21, 2026**.

HOW ARE APPLICANTS SELECTED

Applicants are selected through a two-step process, beginning with a blind scoring process where applications are ranked by a committee of reviewers. The highest scorers will be interviewed by the committee for final selection sometime March 2026.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS: \$2,500.00 and \$1,500.00

THE RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED: The scholarship winner will be notified by PEO Chapter L, Hawaii in May.



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Application

FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE **HAWAII** ZIP _____

PERSONAL EMAIL (not a school or work email) _____

CELL PHONE _____

ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR? _____ A MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENT? _____

CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT: _____

COLLEGE/UNIV WHERE YOU WILL ENROLL FALL 2026 _____

COLLEGE LOCATION _____

INTENDED FIELD OF STUDY _____

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN AN ESSAY: (TYPE-WRITTEN, NO MORE THAN TWO PAGES LONG)

1. Describe your most significant leadership experience, work, community, church, or extracurricular activity to date, and tell us what you've learned from that experience.
2. What individual or experience has impacted your life the most? Please explain.
3. What do you intend to do with your education and where do you envision yourself in 10 years?
4. Why should we award you this scholarship?
5. Anything else you'd like to share about yourself?

RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, ESSAY, TWO REFERENCE LETTERS AND MOST RECENT SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 21, 2026:

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If questions, contact Sue Carlson 608-769-7625 or suecarlson.peo@gmail.com.

The scholarship recipient will be notified by P.E.O. Chapter L, Hawaii in May.



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

You have been asked to provide a recommendation for the above-named student regarding her scholarship application. Knowledge of her character, personal achievements, volunteer contributions and/or goal-oriented experiences are appreciated.

Thank you for your time and effort in providing this information. Please mail your recommendation, **postmarked by February 21, 2026 to:**

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