

MINNESOTA P.E.O. HOME FUND *DO'S AND DON'T'S*

When applying for a grant from the Home Fund

DO.....

- ..Remember that the Home Fund's mission is to provide funds for "life necessities"
- ..Ask your applicant if they need assistance completing the form.
- ..Call a Home Fund Board Member or the Chairman if there are questions regarding the application.
- ..If you are asked to write a letter of recommendation, please make it concise including your relationship with the applicant and your understanding of their needs.
- ..Requests should be as specific as possible such as a one-time payment of a medical bill or help with daycare, fuel or phone bills.
- ..Please understand that the Home Fund Board places a high value on confidentiality so no information about grants received or denied will be given to someone who helped present a name. This information is for the applicant to share or not share as they deem appropriate. Chapters are never notified by the Home Fund Board if an applicant they know did or did not receive a Home Fund grant. If the applicant wants to share that information with you, that is perfectly fine.

DON'T.....

- ..Forget that only you and the applicant need to know about the applicant. Applications DO NOT need to be approved by a P.E.O. chapter.
- .. Refer someone to the Home Fund that is not a Minnesota resident.
- ..Ask the Home Fund to buy automobiles or make repairs on them.
- ..Ask the Home Fund to make property improvements such as new wells or new roofs.
- ..Ask the Home Fund to pay of student loans or unspecified credit card debts.
- ..Assume that the board finds any applicant unworthy. The board has guidelines they must work within and sometimes applicants, though worthy, do not meet the criteria.
- ..Ever forget that board members are P.E.O. sisters who are volunteering a due share of their interest and energies to the Home Fund and are happy to answer questions or listen to your concerns about the project.