

LIFT Scholarship Guide - 2024



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Disclaimer

The scholarships posted were updated as of May 2024 with numerous scholarships closed currently. However, many will reopen throughout the year, so please check periodically for any openings and updates to the application.

In addition, the information displayed may change over time as scholarships are updated with application requirements, scholarship amount, application process, and more. Please be aware of any discrepancies that be posted compared to the actual application.

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No Eligibility Restrictions

AAAE: The Oris W. Dunham, Jr. and Sylvia M. Dunham Scholarship

Purpose: The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Foundation is awarding scholarships to undergraduate students who are enrolled in an accredited trade, technical or vocational school, college or university located in the United States.

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate students enrolled in an aviation-related program at an accredited trade, technical or vocational school, college or university

Value: Five scholarships at a minimum of \$1500.00.

Open/Deadline: syncs with school year period; ends in March

Application Submission Process and Completion Date:

Applicants must submit

- Completed and signed application
- Personal statement
- Completed Projected Annual Parent Aid form (PAPA)
- Recent transcript or copy of applicant's grades (transcript may be unofficial)
- Recommendation from a school official, teacher, or guidance counselor

Application: create an account and submit through website

Website: [AAAE](#)

Alaska Airmen: John P. Culhane Professional Pilot Scholarship

Purpose:

To his friends at Alaska Airmen's Association John Culhane was known as "Jack". Jack contributed a lot of his time to the aviation industry in Alaska through his position as Director for the Alaska Airmen Association. This scholarship is meant to carry on his legacy and help the professional piloting industry grow more every year.

Eligibility:

- People pursuing a professional piloting career
- Preference given to Alaska Airmen student/NextGen Members

Value: \$2,500.00 towards the pursuit of a professional piloting career

Application Open/Deadline: opens in Jan ; closes in March

Website: [Alaska Airmen Association](#)

Craig Huffman Scholarship

Purpose: Craig Huffman was a very beloved family-man, friend and mentor who passed away too soon.

Craig was a chief pilot at AK Airlines and was well known not just for his skill but also for his leadership, mentorship, and diplomacy. Craig was devoted to helping others and would have wanted to leave behind a legacy of helping others pursue aviation.

This scholarship seeks to support students who are passionate about pursuing higher education and careers in aviation.

Eligibility:

- Any high school student, undergraduate, graduate student, or trade school student who is pursuing a career in aviation may apply for this scholarship.
- **Value:** \$2000

Application Opening / Closing: Open right now / October 15, 2024

Application Process: Any high school student, undergraduate, graduate student, or trade school student who is pursuing a career in aviation may apply for this scholarship.

Application Link: [Huffman](#)

Dan L. Meisinger, Sr. Memorial Learn to Fly Scholarship

Purpose:

The purpose of this fund is to provide an annual flight training scholarship to a qualified individual.

Eligibility:

- A college student currently enrolled in an aviation program.
- Recommended by a professional of aviation, although direct applications are acceptable.
- Residents of Kansas, Missouri or Illinois will be given preference.

Value: \$2,500

Application Submission Process and Completion Date:

Interested students must complete an application and submit it along with proof of grade point average (transcripts are not necessary) no later than late November.

Application: [NATA](#)

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Purpose: help support students pursuing careers in the aviation industry through a variety of scholarships which are open to anybody.

Eligibility: There are no restrictions and are not limited to EAA members.

- Must be enrolled in any flight school in the country
- Must be at least 16 to apply

Value: Range in value from \$500 to \$5000

Application Opening / Closing: November 1 – May 31

Application Process:

- Requires a recommendation
- Written responses

Application Link: [EAA](#)

LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Scholarship

Purpose: The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation was founded in 2002, in memory of LeRoy Homer, First Officer of United Airlines #93 when it crashed in Shanksville, PA on September 11th, 2001. The mission of The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation is to encourage and support young adults who wish to pursue careers as professional pilots and increase awareness to the field of aviation. The Foundation awards flight scholarships to obtain private pilot certification.

Eligibility:

- Only U.S. residents or citizens
- Must be 16-23 years old
- Only applicable to students trying to obtain their private pilot license
- **Value:** varies

Application Opening / Closing: Closed for 2023-2024, but will on October 31, 2024- Jan 31, 2025

Application Process: 2 Letters of Reference, Involvements outside the classroom, written responses

Application Link: [LeRoy](#)

Live Mas by Taco Bell:

Purpose: We believe that young people have the ideas and drive to move the world forward. The Taco Bell Live Más Scholarship (pronounced “Liv maws”) is for ALL young people who are pursuing higher education and using their passion to ignite change in their communities and beyond. We believe in you – no matter where you are in your journey, whether just recognizing your strengths and developing your passion or bringing it to life and inspiring others to join you.

This program is more than a scholarship. We’re not merely a one-off check writer – we’re a continued partner and collaborator who’ll be there with connections and opportunities throughout your journey to help your passion shine so brightly, it changes the world.

Eligibility:

- This scholarship is for students (ages 16-26) who are passionate about creating a better future and making a positive impact on their community.
- This is not needs or achievement-based; it is a passion-based scholarship program.
- If selected, you may use the funds at your current accredited two- or four-year college, university, vocational-technical, and/or trade school.
- The Live Más Scholarship is available for both Taco Bell restaurant employees and non-employees.
- **Value:** \$25000

Application Opening / Closing: November 1 – mid January

Application Process:

- Create a short video about your passion in the community and creating a better impact on the future

Application Link: [Taco Bell](#)

Michael Rudometkin Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: Michael Rudometkin was a beloved friend who left behind a legacy of helping his community, making time for those in need, and making the world a better place.

Michael knew that life is not just about grades- it's about relationships, doing what makes you happy and fulfilled, and helping others along the journey. Throughout his life, Michael made an impact on countless people and would have wanted his legacy of helping others to continue.

This scholarship aims to honor the life of Michael Rudometkin by supporting students who are passionate about community service and making the world a better place.

Eligibility:

- Any current student who is involved in their community and pursuing a degree, certificate, or trade school in the field they're passionate about may apply for this scholarship.
- **Value:** \$500

Application Opening / Closing: Open right now / October 24, 2024

Application Process: To apply, tell us how you embody selflessness and include examples of altruism and perseverance for your beliefs or passions.

Application Link: [Michael](#)

Putnam County Community Foundation

Purpose: Community funded scholarships based on various programs that students can apply for. Students can apply to a variety of scholarships through this foundation and receive higher education funding to achieve their passions and dreams.

Eligibility:

- Based on scholarship selected but primarily for Putnam County Students
- **Value:** varies

Application Opening / Closing: Closed for 2023-2024, but will reopen for 2024-25 season

Application Process: Dependent on the scholarship selected but may require written responses and other requirements

Application Link: [Putnam](#)

Rush County Community Foundation – Michael J. Keith Scholarship Fund

Purpose: The Rush County Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity that allows people to establish permanent endowment funds within the scope of one large foundation. We also offer an inexpensive, value-added way to establish a named family fund. The distributions from these separate funds – and the principal if the donor desires – are available to respond to emerging opportunities and needs in Rush County or elsewhere, according to the donor’s charitable wishes.

Multiple available scholarships

Eligibility:

- A resident of Rush County. Residence is defined by maintaining a permanent address in Rush County or being claimed as a dependent by a Rush County resident. A small number of RCCF Scholarships are open to non-residents; this is indicated on the Scholarship Cover Pages.
- Intending to begin or continue coursework in post-secondary education within the calendar year of the application deadline.
- **Value:** \$1000-\$5000

Application Opening / Closing: Closed for 2023-2024, but will reopen for the next application period

Application Process: Please check application process once application period opens again

Note: Michael J. Keith Scholarship Fund is open to anybody – does not have to be resident of Rush County

Application Link: [Rush County](#)

SMS – Pro Aviation Safety Scholarship:

Purpose: Northwest Data Solutions is pleased to announce the Aviation Safety Management Scholarship from SMS-Pro.

We believe in driving safety by providing superior, easily accessible safety tools and knowledge to all areas of the aviation industry. Modern SMS programs have dramatically increased the safety industry at every level: in airports, with maintenance, on the runway, during flights, and in managerial oversight. Aviation safety is not created by one, or even a handful of people, but by every member of an aviation organization.

Chris Howell, CEO, and the rest of his team are proud to provide this scholarship opportunity in order to help young leaders drive the aviation safety future.

Eligibility:

- Must be enrolled in any aviation program pursuing a aviation career
- **Value:** \$1000

Application Opening / Closing:

- Summer Deadline: July 1st
- Winter Deadline: December 31st

Application Process:

- Choose 3 topics out of the 8 listed and write 500 word essays on each of them

Application Link: [SMS](#)

Scholarships with Other Eligibility Requirements

Air & Space Forces Association (AFA)

Purpose: Many of our nation's Airmen, Guardians, and their families are on missions to complete higher education degrees. For years, the Air & Space Forces Association has funded those efforts as part of its own mission to support and encourage the prosperity of our nation's Air & Space Force community.

In 2022, AFA contributed more than \$230,000 to Airmen, Guardians, their spouses, and their children through 12 unique scholarships. The scholarships help fund college tuition, flight school, dental school, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings, and even full rides to certain universities.

Multiple available scholarships

Eligibility:

- Dependent on scholarship
- Must be a dependent of military personnel OR military spouse OR active/reserve personnel
- **Value:** \$1000-\$5000

Application Opening / Closing: Closed for 2023-2024, but will reopen for the next application period

Application Process:

- Completed application form
- Letter of recommendation
- Written essay based on given topic
- ***Process can change based on scholarship selected***

Application Link: [AFA](#)

Airport Minority Advisory Council

Purpose: The AMAC Foundation works alongside AMAC and is dedicated to advancing minorities and women pursuing careers in the aviation industry by developing educational programs and providing scholarships to students who are emerging aviation professionals.

The AMAC Foundation awards scholarships each year to students interested in pursuing aviation-related careers who plan to attend or are currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or trade school seeking a degree or certification in a variety of fields.

Multiple available scholarships

Eligibility:

- is for high school, college/university and trade school students pursuing aviation-related careers. Eligible students must also be U.S. citizens pursuing a bachelor's degree, master's degree or certification in accounting, airport and airline management services, air traffic control and dispatching, architecture, aviation, aviation and avionics maintenance, civil, chemical, structural, mechanical and/or electrical engineering, communications, computer science, construction/construction management, engineering, environmental science, finance, piloting and in-flight services and weather science and aerospace engineering
- Mainly for women and minorities
- **Value:** N/A

Application Opening / Closing: Closed for 2023 season – will open again next year for 2024-25

Application Process: Check the application process in late 2024 for the new application period.

Application Link: [AMAC](#)

Arthur M. Godfrey Foundation-Advanced Certification

Purpose:

Encourage the growth of General Aviation utilizing the media forms that Arthur M. Godfrey used in his career, namely audio and video.

Eligibility:

Open to applicants ages 18-25 years at the time of application who hold a current private pilot license

Value:

\$5,000.00

Application Submission Process and Completion Date:

Stage One:

The entry deadline is November 30 of each year. Scholarships will be awarded the following year.

Each contestant must submit a completed application form to The Arthur M. Godfrey Aviation Foundation, Inc., by mail prior to September 1 of each year of intended entry of contest.

If a contestant has not sent in their application prior to their entry, then their video entry will not be considered in the final contest judging. If a video is tardy and arrives past the deadline, it will not be considered unless arrangements have been made prior to the deadline.

Contestants must develop a video with audio (DVD) which must be at least 12 minutes, but does not exceed 15 minutes, in duration.

The content of the DVD must contain the following:

1. The narrator must mention "The Arthur Godfrey Aviation Foundation" at least four times within the video.
2. The purpose of the video.
3. Your passion for flying and where and when you became interested in aviation.
4. Your name and age, where you live (city and country of residence), and goals (personal and career).
5. Where you plan to attend flight school.
6. Whether you have any flight experience and, if so, how many hours you have logged. Also, note if you are currently rated.

The content of the DVD needs to promote general aviation toward individuals ages 16-20 who are not currently involved in aviation. Contestants who use music as a part of their production should credit the artist on the DVD credits or endeavor to have the artist's written permission. Provide a copy of the release to The Arthur M. Godfrey Aviation Foundation, Inc.

Contestants should post their video on the Internet, post a link to the location, and make certain to note that it is for The Arthur M. Godfrey Aviation Foundation Scholarship Contest. Each contestant will mail 5 DVD or CD copies of their production to The Arthur M. Godfrey Aviation Foundation, Inc. PO Box 90111, Lakeland, FL 33804-0111 USA (or) 5600 Hwy 98 North Suite #1, Lakeland, FL 33809 USA. If you have any questions call 863-853-3483.

Stage One closes on November 30.

The Arthur M. Godfrey Aviation Foundation, Inc., must have received the entry copies of each contestant's production no later than 6:00 pm on November 30th, or if that date is on a weekend, the last business day prior to November 30. Any production received after that date will not be considered for the current year. All entries should be sent to The Arthur M. Godfrey Aviation Foundation, Inc. PO Box 90111, Lakeland, Florida, 33804-0111 USA or to 5600 Hwy 98 North Suite #1 Lakeland, Florida, 33809 USA.

Selection Process:

Stage Two:

Following the close of Stage One, the "Selection Committee" will judge all entries.

The Selection Committee consists of prominent members of the media and/or communications industry as well as the Board of Directors of The Arthur M. Godfrey Aviation Foundation, Inc. The Selection Committee will review the CD/DVD submissions made at the start of Stage One and judge them. The Selection Committee will determine all the winners for all Stages.

Application: Download the Application (PDF)

Website: [The Arthur M. Godfrey Aviation Foundation, Inc.](http://TheArthurM.GodfreyAviationFoundation.com)

Avfuel Pilot-In-Training Aviation Scholarship

Purpose:

Avfuel Corporation of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has established scholarships to further aviation education. The Avfuel scholarship was designed to award three students with funds to use toward furthering their aviation education. This award may be used for flight training, educational tuition fees, and a new license.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be at least 16 years of age

Applicant must not yet have a pilot's license

Applicant must demonstrate an interest in aviation education and achieving a pilot's license

Value:

\$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500

Application Submission Process and Completion Date: currently open

Applicants must:

- Complete online application

Application: [AvFuel](#)

Avfuel & Sheltair: Future Takes Flight Program

PURPOSE

Sheltair and Avfuel desire to re-invest in the aviation community by providing meaningful financial support to aviators pursuing a greater commitment to business aviation. In supporting career advancement opportunities, Sheltair and Avfuel are giving back to the marketplace that has allowed them to thrive as collaborative partners for close to 10 years.

Eligibility: Funds in the learning to fly or advanced pilot ratings category can be used for course work or flight lessons for students pursuing their private pilot certificate, adding a type rating (multi-engine, commercial or others), adding to their certificate with an ATP, completing a bachelor's degree, working toward a CAM certification, or completing upset recovery training.

Value:

\$5000

Open/Deadline: applications for 2024 are complete; will open again for 2025

Application Submission Process and Completion Date:

- Complete online application

Application: [AvFuel](#)

La Santana Scholarship

Purpose: Maria Serrano Santana made the bold choice to pursue a college education while the oldest of her four children was four years old and the youngest was eight months old. She created the time to study at any chance that she could. Despite the challenges of being a mother, wife, and student in Holguin, Cuba, her perseverance paid off. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Teaching in 1988 and unconsciously served as a role model for future generations in the family.

Maria immigrated to the United States in 2001 with her husband Medardo. As they adjusted to life in a new country and learned to navigate the world in two languages, the significance of higher education was repeated time and time again. To this day, Maria Serrano Santana still emphasizes the value of education as a means to better one's life.

Immigrants and refugees should have the opportunity to expand their career options through the pursuit of education and continue the dreams they left behind in their homeland. La Santana Scholarship seeks to support students of immigrant backgrounds so they have the support and funding necessary to complete their degrees.

Multiple available scholarships

Eligibility:

- Any high school senior, trade school student, or two or four-year undergraduate student who is an immigrant may apply for this scholarship.
- **Value:** \$520

Application Opening / Closing: Open right now / closes July 15, 2024

Application Process:

- Fill out a response:
 - To apply, DREAM BIG. What are your wildest dreams? How will you use your education to make them a reality?

Application Link: [Santana](#)

National Business Aviation Association

Purpose: The NBAA Charities scholarship program, generously supported by NBAA member donors, offers nearly \$100,000 annually in cash awards as tuition reimbursement for enrolled students and nearly the same amount in monetary and training awards for working professionals in business aviation, including pilots, maintenance professionals, schedulers, dispatchers, flight attendants and flight technicians.

Multiple available scholarships

Eligibility:

- Aspiring business aviation schedulers or dispatchers, maintenance professionals, pilots or flight attendants.
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- **Value:** \$2500

Application Opening / Closing: Open currently / closes on August 15, 2024

Application Process: Completed application package

- Resume
- 2 Signed Letters of Recommendation
- Essay

Application Link: [AMAC](#)

Trever David Clark Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: Trever was born and raised in Southern California. He was a loving son, brother, grandson, nephew and cousin. He had loving relationships with his family members and his goal in life was to be the best version of himself and start a family of his own,

Trever had a passion for baseball. Since he was able to walk he always had a baseball in his hand. He became a superb athlete, playing baseball from Little League to college. He was a team player, devoted friend, and always acted unselfishly making decisions for the good of others.

Trever was sensitive in his nature. Due to his personal struggles with mental illness he was very empathetic to others in need and had a desire to help those along their journey. He would often make lunches to bring to the homeless and was supportive to others struggling as he did. Even if he had nothing to give, he would offer a smile and kind words.

As mentioned above, Trever struggled with mental illness and he was taken too soon by suicide. In the challenges of a post-COVID world, it can be difficult to cope, but those who struggle are not alone. The Trever David Clark Memorial Scholarship will support a student who has been affected by mental illness.

Eligibility:

- High school seniors, undergraduates, trade school students, and graduate students are eligible to apply if they have experience with mental illness either directly or indirectly, such as a family member.
- **Value:** \$8750

Application Opening / Closing: Open right now / closes November 15, 2024

Application Process:

- To apply, write about how your experience with mental health has influenced your beliefs, relationships, and career goals.

Application Link: [Trever David Clark Memorial Scholarship](#)

Will Johnson Scholarship

Purpose: Open Doors TN believes that children of all abilities should be able to attend college or other forms of higher education.

Unfortunately, support is still lacking for students with disabilities, preventing many from pursuing higher education and reaching their goals. The Will Johnson Scholarship seeks to help students with disabilities on their path to higher education, giving them the opportunity to pursue careers they are passionate about.

Multiple available scholarships

Eligibility:

- High school seniors, undergraduates, trade school students, and graduate students are eligible to apply if they have a disability.
- **Value:** \$2000

Application Opening / Closing: Open right now / August 15, 2024

Application Process: In an essay or a video, explain how you work to overcome obstacles in your day-to-day life, what career and goals you are pursuing, and what you want to do after earning your education.

- Selection Criteria: Essay, Perseverance, Passion

Application Link: [Johnson](#)

The Annual Sisters of the Skies Scholarship

Purpose: Sisters of the Skies is awards scholarships in the amount of \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$20,000 annually at our Annual Scholarship Gala. Details about the Gala can be found under the events tab. We are committed in diversifying flight decks across the globe and are grateful to be a part of your aviation journey. Reach for the sky!

The Rashanda Nicole Lee Memorial Scholarship

Purpose: The Rashanda Nicole Lee Memorial Scholarship is in honor of one of our sisters who has taken her final flight. Nicole was a scholarship recipient during Sisters of the Skies, Inc., first annual scholarship banquet that was held on February 16, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. The banquet was in honor of the 10th anniversary of the First All-Female African-American Flight Crew. Just a few short weeks following the event, Nicole passed away unexpectedly on March 2, 2019. The scholarship designated for Rashanda Nicole Lee is now used to support the flight training of another African-American female working to become a professional pilot.

Scholarships from the American Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)

All Scholarships Open September 5th, 2024

All Scholarships Close February 9th, 2025

Application Link: <https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/aopa-flight-training-scholarships>

AOPA Foundation Scholarship

Purpose: Our flight training scholarships are funded by generous donations to the AOPA Foundation. Miscellaneous donations for scholarships are combined and awarded to help members reach their aviation goals.

Eligibility:

- Must be 16 years old at the time of application submission
- Must hold a student pilot certificate
- Primary certification (Sport, Recreational, or Private Pilot certificate)
- Award: \$2,500 and up; the numbers of awards will vary

AOPA Foundation You Can Fly High School Flight Training Scholarship

Purpose: The Ray Foundation – established by the late aviator, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, James C. Ray.

James believed that life skills are learned through aviation. We are proud to help carry on his legacy by awarding merit-based scholarships to 80 high school students.

Eligibility:

- Private Pilot Certificate
- High school Student, age 16-18 years old
- Minimum GPA of 2.7
- Must have passed the FAA Private Pilot written knowledge exam before application submission

AOPA Foundation You Can Fly Teacher Flight Training Scholarship

Purpose: The Ray Foundation – established by the late aviator, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, James C. Ray.

James believed that life skills are learned through aviation. We are proud to help carry on his legacy by awarding flight training scholarships to up to 20 high school teachers utilizing the You Can Fly aviation-based STEM curriculum.

Eligibility:

- Private Pilot Certificate
- Current, paid, full-time teacher utilizing the AOPA Foundation High School Aviation STEM Curriculum in a school or school system in the 2024-2025 school year
- Must have taken and passed the FAA Private Pilot written knowledge exam before application submission

Lt. Commander Michael D. McGibney Top Gun Naval Aviator Scholarship

Purpose: \$5000 scholarship from the friends and family of Michael D. McGibney

Eligibility:

- Advanced Rating
- Available to those pursuing a career as a professional pilot, with a preference given to those who aspire to become a Naval aviator

The Ceci Stratford Flight Training Scholarship

Purpose: Ceci Stratford of Simi Valley, California, is a former Peace Corps Volunteer (Guatemala) and a retired telecommunications, systems and bank operations analyst who has taken her support of aviation's future to the next level by establishing the Ceci Stratford Flight Training Scholarship.

Ceci is a CFI whose passion for flying extends to her volunteer activities, including serving as former San Fernando Valley 99s Chapter Scholarship Chair, and current Scholarship Co-Chair for the 99s Southwest Section. She has taken many young people on their first flights (over 850) through EAA's Young Eagles program and serves as an advisor for the Aviation Explorers Post 747.

Ceci has mentored many student pilots in their pursuit of flight training scholarships and careers in aviation and aims to increase the number of women and girls in the aviation field.

Two \$5,000+ scholarships available

Eligibility:

- One scholarship for primary certification (Sport, Recreational, or Private Pilot certification)
- One scholarship for an advanced rating
- Must be 16 years old at the time of application submission
- Female applicants only

The Corporate Aircraft Association Preferred FBO Employee Scholarship

Purpose: The Corporate Aircraft Association was founded to promote the affordable growth of jet-fueled Part 91 general aviation. CAA serves large corporate flight departments with fleets of aircraft, individual owner-operators, aircraft management companies, and everything in between. CAA promotes loyalty to their member FBOs in return for their industry-leading fuel prices and excellent service and is excited to partner with the AOPA Foundation to offer these scholarships to employees of our CAA-preferred FBOs. 200 \$2,000 awards available

Eligibility:

- Funds can be used for any aviation education purpose
- Recipients must be an employee of a CAA - preferred FBO at the time of the award
- One of the required recommendations must come from the general manager of the CAA - preferred FBO

The Daniel T. Taussig Memorial Flight Training Scholarship

Purpose: Scholarship from Brenton Taussig in memory of Daniel T. Taussig.

Award amount will vary

Eligibility:

- Primary certification (Sport, Recreational, or Private Pilot certification)
- Must be 16 years old at the time of application submission

The Edward B. Shafer Future of Flight Scholarship

Purpose: Paul Guse in memory of Edward B. Shafer. Ed was renowned in the St. Louis-area general aviation community, serving as a flight instructor for over six decades. A U.S. Air Force veteran, Ed's enduring commitment to aviation safety was recognized in 2019 with the Federal Aviation Administration's Wright Brothers Master Pilot award.

As owner and operator of St. Louis Metro-East Airport (Shafer Field), he positively influenced hundreds of new and experienced aviators, generously sharing his knowledge and experience with kindness, patience, and humor.

Award is \$5000

Eligibility:

- Currently enrolled at an accredited university or college and pursuing a career in aviation
- Preference given to applicants in the mid-west United States, females, and minorities

- Available to those pursuing a career in aviation including but not limited to aerospace engineering, professional pilot (airline, corporate, etc.) flight instruction, aircraft maintenance and airport management

Erral Lea and Glenn Plymate Memorial Flight Training Scholarship

Purpose: When Glenn Plymate's wife, Erral, passed away in 2003, he and his family suggested that in lieu of flowers, gifts be made to the AOPA Foundation (at the time, known as the AOPA Air Safety Foundation). Glenn and his family pledged to match these and other contributions, coming together to create the Erral Lea Plymate Memorial Endowment, which now funds several flight training scholarships each year. When Glenn passed away in 2015, his name was added to the endowment.

Multiple \$2500 and up awards available

Eligibility:

- Primary certification (Sport, Recreational, or Private Pilot certificate)

The Fred and Diane Fitts Memorial Flight Training Scholarship

Purpose: Corporate Aircraft Association (CAA) in memory of Fred and Diane Fitts. Fred Fitts was a pilot and FBO owner before starting the Corporate Aircraft Association in 1990. Together with his wife, Diane, the couple built the successful fuel and resource purchasing program from scratch. CAA continues to help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Part 91 operators by the power of their membership numbers to negotiate the best possible fuel prices.

Designed to help young people get into aviation, CAA hopes these scholarships will allow future generations to fulfill the Fitts' goal of providing value and quality to others.

\$7500 award for each recipient

Eligibility:

- Private pilot certification or instrument rating
- Age 17-35 at the time of application submission
- Preference is given to applicants interested in becoming corporate pilots, members of CAA and their relatives, and employees of CAA – preferred FBOs and their relatives

The Scott Stuart Flight Training Scholarship

Purpose: From the Scott and Jane Stuart via the Imperial Foundation

Award is \$5000

Eligibility:

- Primary certification (Sport, Recreational, or Private Pilot certificate)
- Must be 16 years old at the time of application submission
- Must hold a student pilot certificate
- Female applicants only

Experimental Aircraft Association Scholarships

- *Become a member of the association to see further details of each scholarship*
- *Minimum Award given for each scholarship is \$5,000*

<https://www.eaa.org/eaal/learn-to-fly/scholarships/eaal-flight-training-scholarships>

Adapt to Fly Scholarship

Air Academy Alumni Scholarship

Elgin Wells Jr. Starjammer CFI Scholarship

Florence “Coffy” Gregory Scholarship

Harrison Ford Scholarship

Jason S. Kurt Lohr Scholarship

John S. Bradbury Memorial Scholarship

Noah Favaregh Scholarship

Richard R. Harper Memorial Scholarship

Tinker Murdock Family Scholarship

Will Martin Flight Training Scholarship

Wilson “Tex” Edwards Memorial Scholarship

Heather McRoberts Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Platt Scholarship

Scholarships for Women in Aviation

Diane Endres Ballweg Scholarship

Eligibility:

This scholarship is given to a woman over 30 who wants to learn to fly or who already has a pilot’s certificate (private, sport or recreational) and wants to pursue an advanced certificate or rating, such as the Instrument or Commercial certificate. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the flight school to be applied to the recipient’s account.

Value: \$500.00

Application Submission Process and Completion Date:

Applications are due in by mid-November in order to be considered for the following year, awarded at the annual Women in Aviation Conference.

Website: [Unigo](#)

flyGIRL/ Sporty's Scholarship

Purpose:

The flyGIRL mission is to encourage and inspire women and young girls to open their hearts and minds to their potential. We want every girl and woman to dream big, aim high, and fly!

Eligibility:

The flyGIRL scholarship is open to female U.S. citizens of any age with an interest in aviation. The scholarship money will be paid directly to the flight school and must be used within a year of receipt. It can be used for the private pilot's license or any advanced certificate or rating.

Value: \$4,000

Application Submission Process and Completion Date:

To apply for the Fly Girl Scholarship, you must do the following:

1. Include in your essay why you should be awarded the funds and specifically what the funds will be used for.
2. A personal meeting or phone interview may also be required.

Application deadline: Closed for 2024, but check again in early 2025 in Feb

Application:

Website: [FlyGirl](#)

I Hart Flying – Go Fuel Your Passion

Purpose:

I Hart Flying has teamed up with Go Rentals and Sheltair Aviation to bring an over \$10,000 Flight-Training Scholarship.

Eligibility:

- Must be female
- Must be U.S. or Canadian resident
- Must follow all social media handles (@ihartflying and @__iamrachel__ @BoseAviation @GoRentals @SheltairAviation @KingSchools_Flying and other partners)

Value: \$20,000

Application Submission Process and Completion Date:

Deadline: Closed for 2024, check again later in late 2024/ early 2025

Application: [IHartFlying](#)

Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund

Purpose:

A bequest from Jeannette Rankin provided the first funds for Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship Fund.

Eligibility:

- A woman, age 35 or older
- Low-income (based on income guidelines listed below)
- A U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident of the United States.
- Pursuing a technical or vocational education, an associate degree, or a first bachelor's degree.
- Enrolled in or accepted to a not-for-profit, regionally accredited institution.

Value: Varies

Application Submission Process and Completion Date:

Deadline: currently closed but check again in late 2024 / early 2025

Application: [Rankin Foundation](#)

The Boeing Company Professional Flight Training Scholarships

Purpose:

The Boeing Company will award five professional training scholarships each valued at \$20,000. Applicants must have a high school diploma, willingness to develop skills that will lead to a career as a professional airline pilot, be at least 18 years of age at the date of application and have enrolled in a professional pilot school or course of study. Funds may be used for flight training such as private pilot, instrument, multiengine, commercial, instructor ratings/certificates. Funds are not applicable toward a sport or recreational pilot certificate or college/university tuition (outside of flight time and instruction). Recipients will be involved in the Boeing scholarship cohort including periodic meetings, professional opportunities, and provide updates on flight and training progress. The recipients will be chosen based on merit, to include passion for flying, commitment to completing flight training and two reference letters highlighting the applicant's character qualities. Applicants who are full-time students enrolled in high school, an accredited flight program, or an accredited college or university should have a GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Bunny M. Connors Memorial Scholarship

Purpose:

Bunny M. Connors was a career respiratory therapist at several hospitals in Massachusetts. She later chose to pursue her lifelong dream of flying and became a flight instructor and a commercial airline career. The scholarship will be awarded to a WAI member pursuing a private pilot certificate or instrument rating. Flight training must be completed within 12 months of receiving the \$1000 scholarship

CAE 2024 Citation Bravo Type Rating

Purpose:

CAE will award a scholarship for one Pilot In Command (PIC) type rating from the below program offerings to WAI members. Upon successful completion of the pilot initial training course, the recipient will earn a PIC type rating in the appropriate aircraft program: Cessna Citation Sovereign (CE-680 type designation)—New Jersey; Cessna Citation Bravo or Ultra (CE-500 type designation)—Dallas; Beechcraft King Air 350i (BE300 type designation)—Dallas. The scholarship winner must, at a minimum, be a holder of a private pilot certificate (500 hours PIC) with multiengine (100 hours) and instrument (100 hours) ratings. For this scholarship award, instrument skills are key to success. Before the type course, the winner will receive a Jeppesen Review and Cockpit Resource Management (CRM) course (approximately one day in length) to prepare the winner for the type rating course. The course length will depend upon program selection and will be conducted in Dallas, Texas or Morristown, New Jersey. The scholarship winner is responsible for all lodging and travel costs. This type of rating has no cash value and is non-transferable. The scholarship award must be started within one year of the scholarship award date and training must be completed as per the original schedule. If not completed concurrently, CAE cannot guarantee completion. One additional simulator session will be added, free of charge, if determined needed by a CAE instructor pilot. Any additional simulator sessions will require the winner to provide payment. Scholarship value varies based on platform chosen.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Private, Instrument, and Multiengine Scholarships

Purpose:

Private: This scholarship will be awarded to an individual who would like to earn a private pilot certificate. If the applicant is a full-time student enrolled in high school, an accredited flight program, or an accredited college or university, she/he must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better (on a 4.0 scale). Funds will be paid directly to your flight school and must be completed within one year of award. Two \$5000 awards offered.

Instrument: This scholarship is to be used for training for an instrument rating. The applicant must hold at least a private pilot certificate. If the applicant is a full-time student enrolled in high school, an accredited flight program, or an accredited college or university, she/he must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better (on a 4.0 scale). Funds will be paid directly to your flight school and must be completed within one year of award. Two \$5000 awards offered.

Multiengine: This scholarship is to be used for training for a multiengine rating. If the applicant is a full-time student enrolled in high school, an accredited flight program, or an accredited college or university, she/he must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better (on a 4.0 scale). Funds will be paid directly to your flight school and must be completed within one year of award. Two \$6000 awards given.

MzeroA Gold Lifetime Membership Scholarship

Purpose:

MzeroA is sponsoring a scholarship that will award the winner with a Gold Lifetime Membership to the Ground School Academy. The Gold Lifetime Membership provides access to full private, instrument, commercial, and fundamentals of instruction ground schools to prepare members for their FAA knowledge exam, practical test, and most importantly, to be a safe, real-world pilot. This membership includes over 320 full HD training videos, four complete ground school courses, live weekly workshops, Q&A sessions and mock checkrides, and a member only forum. The scholarship winner will also receive travel and hotel accommodations to the WAI2024 conference.

The Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship

Purpose:

This scholarship will be awarded to a female pilot with the following accomplishments: must be a U. S. citizen with a burning desire to become a professional pilot, have at least a private certificate with 150 hours flying time, and be on track toward earning the ATP. This award will be used to further her aims toward an instrument or multiengine rating or ATP.