

Scholarships are one of the best ways for future pilots to fund their flight training because the money never needs to be paid back! About \$3.3 billion in gift aid is awarded by private sources each year. Unfortunately there are many scholarships that go unawarded each year because people simply think it's too difficult to apply. This is just not true! Please click [here](#) to find out some interesting myths about scholarships.

The selection process for most scholarships can take a few months, so it's a really good idea to apply at least one year before school starts. Another thing to note is many of the organizations offering these scholarships will require you to become a member. Start applying today!

## [Helicopter Foundation International](#)

### **Commercial Rating Scholarships**

Applicants for the Commercial Helicopter Rating Scholarship must already have obtained their Private license and be enrolled in a Commercial Helicopter Rating program at an FAA-approved Part 141 school in international equivalent. Applicants who expect to receive their Commercial Helicopter Rating prior to January 1, 2015, are not eligible to apply for or to receive this scholarship award.

**Deadline is in November. Four \$5,000 awards to be presented.**

### **Michelle North Scholarship for Safety**

This scholarship was founded in memory of Michelle North, a long-time industry advocate of safety, to encourage a stronger focus on safety education and training in helicopter operations.

**Deadline is in November. One scholarship to be awarded. Award is for full tuition to attend the HFI Safety Management course at HAI HELI-EXPO 2015 in Orlando, FL. Also includes a full registration to HAI HELI-EXPO 2015, and dinner for two at the Salute to Excellence Awards Dinner.**

## [AOPA](#)

### **Leroy W. Homer Jr. Scholarship**

Applicant must be between the ages of 16 to 23, and is only good towards obtaining a private pilot license. Not intended for individuals already enrolled in a university based flight program.

**Deadline is in January. Award amount is between \$3,500-\$6,000.**

## [NBAA](#)

### **Alan H. Conklin Business Aviation Management Scholarship**

Applicant must be enrolled in an aviation management program at a University Aviation Association (UAA) member school as a sophomore or higher. Payment is made payable to the school.

**Deadline is typically in July. Award amount is \$5,000 for educational costs.**

### **Lawrence Ginocchio Aviation Scholarship**

Applicants must be full-time undergraduate students (sophomore or higher) enrolled for the academic year in an aviation-related two or four-year degree program at a University Aviation Association (UAA) member institution with a GPA of at least 3.0.

Deadline is typically in July. **Five awards of \$4,500 for educational costs.**

### **Eddie Queen Business Aviation Management Scholarship**

Available to applicants who are enrolled in an aviation management program at a University Aviation Association (UAA) member school, and who are a sophomore or higher.

Deadline is typically in August. **Award amount is \$2,500 for educational costs.**

## **NATA**

### **Dan L. Meisinger Sr. Memorial Learn to Fly Scholarship**

Available to a college student currently enrolled in an aviation program with a "B" average or better. Award is to be used for the express purpose of initial or primary flight training. Residents of Kansas, Missouri, or Illinois will be given preference.

Deadline is the last Friday in November. **Award amount is \$2,500.**

### **Navigate Your Future Scholarship**

Applicant must be a senior in high school, and be enrolled or accepted into an aviation-related program at an accredited college or university full-time.

Deadline is the last Friday in June. **Award amount is \$2,500.**

### **Richard L. Taylor Flight Training Scholarship**

Applicant must be enrolled in a flight program at an accredited college or university, has a GPA of 3.0 or greater, and already have a private pilot's license. Award to be used for one year of full-time undergraduate study.

Deadline is the last Friday in March. **Award amount is \$1,500.**

### **Pioneers of Flight Scholarship**

Applicants must be in their sophomore or junior year of college, and enrolled in a full-time aviation degree program at an accredited four-year college or university. Students GPA must be 3.0 or higher, and scholarship funds must be used for full-time undergraduate study.

Deadline is the last Friday in December. **Two awards of \$1,000 to be presented.**

## **EAA**

### **Harrison Ford Flight Training Scholarship**

Applicant must be between the ages of 16 to 20, who has received a Young Eagle flight and successfully passed Sporty's Learn to Fly Course. Flight training scholarship will be for a Private, Recreation, or Sport Pilot Certificate

Deadline is in December. **Award amount is \$7,500.**

### **Noah Favaregh Flight Training Scholarship**

Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate to help fund their achievement of obtaining a pilot's certification. Candidate must already have soloed.

Deadline and award amount to be determined in 2015.

### **Tinker Murdock Flight Training Award**

To be awarded to a Young Eagle/Next Step applicant seeking to further their aviation training by completing a private pilot's license. Applicant will be actively involved in EAA's online ground school or other training program.

**Deadline is in June. Award amount is \$7,500.**

### **Richard Harper Flight Training Scholarship**

Applicant must have a GPA of 3.8 or higher, and is to be used for someone looking to be a licensed pilot.

**Deadline is in July. Award amount is \$7,500.**

## **UAA**

### **Joseph Frasca Excellence in Aviation Scholarship**

Student must be an enrolled junior or senior at a UAA member college or university, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and be a member of at least one aviation organization (ex: Alpha Eta Rho, EAA).

**Deadline is in April. Two \$1,000 awards to be presented.**

### **Eugene S. Kropf Scholarship**

Applicants must be enrolled in an aviation-related curriculum at a UAA member college or university and have achieved sophomore status at the institution. Student must have completed 30 or more credit hours and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater.

**Deadline is in June. Award amount is \$500.**

### **Paul A. Whelan Aviation Scholarship**

Applicant must be at least a sophomore in an undergraduate program and enrolled at a University Aviation Association member institution. Student must have GPA of 3.0 or better in their aviation major coursework.

**Deadline is in May. Award amount is \$2,000.**

### **AAAE Scholarship for Accredited Airport Executives**

Applicants are eligible to apply if they, their spouse, or one parent is an active member of AAEE, and must be enrolled or plan on enrolling full or part-time in an accredited college. Academic records, participation in school and community activities, work experience, and a personal statement are factors in the selection process.

**Deadline is in May Award amount is between \$900-\$2,000.**

### **AAAE Foundation Scholarship**

Applicants are eligible to apply if they, their spouse, or one parent is an active member of AAEE, and must be a full-time employee of a public use airport at the time of application. Academic records, participation in school and community activities, work experience, and a personal statement are factors in the selection process.

**Deadline is in March. Award amount is between \$900-\$4,000.**

### **AAAE Scholarship for Native Americans**

Must be enrolled full-time in an aviation/airport management program. Must have reached a junior class level or higher, and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Selection is based on scholastic achievement, financial need and extracurricular/community activities.

**Deadline is in March. Up to ten \$1,000 scholarships awarded.**

#### **ACI-NA Commissioners Committee Scholarship**

Applicants must be officially enrolled in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate or graduate program focused on airport management and/or airport operations. Applicants must reside and attend school in the U.S. or Canada and possess and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 at the time of application.

**Deadline is in April and in December. Award amount is up to \$2,500.**

#### **UAA Janice K. Barden Aviation Scholarship**

Applicant must be a full-time undergraduate student (sophomore or higher), and enrolled in an aviation related two or four-year degree program at an NBAA or UAA member institution with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Deadline is in October. Up to five \$1,000 awards per year.**

### **Women in Aviation International**

#### **Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship**

The Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship will be awarded to a female pilot with the following accomplishments: Must be a U.S. citizen, have a burning desire to become a professional pilot, have at least a private pilot certificate with 150 hours of flight time, be on track toward the ATP rating. This award will be used to further her aims toward an instrument rating, multiengine rating, or ATP.

**Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$2,000.**

#### **AOPA Student Pilot Scholarship**

AOPA will award a scholarship to a WAI member pursuing a private, recreational, or sport pilot certificate.

**Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$3,000.**

#### **Bunny M. Connors Memorial Scholarship**

The scholarship will be awarded to a WAI member pursuing a private pilot certificate or instrument rating.

**Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$1,000.**

#### **Christine Reed Memorial Flight Scholarship**

Open to women ages 16-30 who have solos within the last six months preceding applying for this scholarship and are working toward a recreational, sport pilot, or private pilot certificate.

**Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$2,500.**

#### **Dare to Dream Scholarship**

Scholarship will be awarded to an individual working toward an instrument or multiengine rating, or commercial or CFI certificate.

**Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$3,000.**

### **Diane Endres Ballweg Scholarship**

This scholarship is given to a woman over 30 who wants to learn to fly or who already has a pilot certificate and wants to pursue an advanced certificate or rating (ex: commercial, instrument, etc.).

Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$500.

### **HAI/WIA Initial Helicopter Scholarship**

This scholarship will be awarded to someone interested in obtaining a private helicopter rating. Preference will be given to an applicant who has a minimum of five hours logged in a helicopter by the scholarship deadline date.

Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$1,500.

### **Jeppesen Flight Training Scholarship**

A pilot flight training scholarship for an individual working toward a private, recreational, or sport pilot certificate or instrument rating. Funds will be paid directly to your flight school and training is to be completed within one year. The recipient will be chosen based on passion for flying, commitment to completing flight training and two reference letters highlighting the applicant's character qualities.

Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$5,000.

### **The Keep Flying Scholarship**

Created after 9/11 to an individual working on an instrument or multiengine rating or commercial or initial flight instructor certificate. Flight training must be completed within one year of receipt of the scholarship. Minimum requirements: Private pilot certificate, 100 hours of flight time, and a copy of current written test only for the certificate/rating sought.

Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$3,000.

### **The Kelsey A. Meyer Memorial Scholarship**

Student must be at the sophomore year college level or above and currently enrolled in an aviation/professional flight degree program at an accredited university. Minimum GPA must be 3.0 average or above, and funds must be used within a year of receiving the award.

Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$2,000.

### **Lt. Valerie Cappelaere Delaney Memorial Scholarship**

Available for females over the age of 18 from any country, and for an individual pursuing a private pilot certificate.

Deadline is in November. Must be a member of WAI. Award amount is \$2,000.

## **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships & Awards**

### **Flight Training Scholarship**

Fully paid scholarship to complete an additional pilot certificate or rating or pilot training course.  
Deadline is in December. Must be a member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

### **Academic Scholarship**

Up to \$5,000 scholarship towards one year of a college degree in aviation or aerospace. Students must be currently enrolled and have cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better

Resources:

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-information/scholarship-myths/>

<http://www.debt.org/students/scholarships-and-grants/>