

CFI Bootcamp

Flight Instructor Training

Aviation Resources

Sources of Aviation Funding

An Overview of What's Available

Today's Bootcamp+ Network Programming

What's on for Today's Show?

Live Show – 1st Hour

Open Mic – 2nd Hour onward

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What's on for Today's Show?

PH Rebroadcast – Weds 8 pm ET

Power Hour Podcasts – Full Shows

The Last of the Bundles

Step-by-Step Workshop –

Sept 3rd (8-10 pm Eastern Time)

What We Will Cover

- Criteria needed to get aviation scholarships?
- Are high school student scholarships available?
- Working in another field?
- What are the odds?
- Organizations offering aviation scholarships?



What Criteria is Needed to Get a Scholarship?

- Sometimes age dependent – Younger than 19, in college, etc.
- Many are for people already in training or adding a rating.
- Genuine need, or high achievements.
- An application before the deadline and sometimes an essay.



What if I'm in High School

- A large number of scholarships are available to people in HS
- Most require an essay of why you deserve the scholarship
- Some may be organization member specific (must be a member)



What if I'm Working Now – Maybe in Another Field?

- Some are tailored to working professionals
- Some are for additional certificates and ratings (already pilots)



What are the Odds?

- Depends upon how many are competing – AOPA most difficult
- Depends upon the amount of money available and allocations
- Setting your application/essay apart is fundamental
- The odds are smaller with smaller organizations – Money is smaller too



What Organizations Offer Aviation Scholarships

- Aviation Organizations
- Private Foundations
- Individual Companies and Flight Training Providers

A Tour of the Key Players you Should Know

- Usually offer once yearly allocations/winners
- All require an application process
- It's all uphill and tedious – Until/If you win

AOPA Foundation



AOPA Flight Training Scholarships	https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/aopa-flight-training-scholarships	\$250 – \$14,000+ (most awards \$2,500–\$10,000; up to \$12,000 for select high-school-age awards); 100+ awards given annually.	AOPA membership; U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Online application with essay, transcripts, and references. Some awards add age, school, GPA, or financial-need criteria. Two cycles: Spring (Apr 1–Jun 30) and Fall (Oct 1–Dec 30).
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EAA Aviation Foundation Scholarships



Flight Training Scholarships

Dreaming of becoming a pilot or getting an additional rating? EAA can help your aviation dreams become a reality.



Post-Secondary Scholarships

Scholarships for students attending a post-secondary institution with a focus on aviation.



Ray Aviation Scholarship

Learn about this youth flight training scholarship program, and how your chapter can take advantage of this offering.

EAA Aviation Foundation Scholarships

<https://www.eaa.org/eaaf/earn-to-fly/scholarships>

Varies by named award (dozens of donor-funded scholarships); flight training and post-secondary tracks.

Minimum age 16; minimum 2.5 GPA (some named awards higher); not eligible if holding a master's/doctorate. Online application window opens in fall, closes Dec 19; awards announced in March.

Women in Aviation Scholarship (WIA)



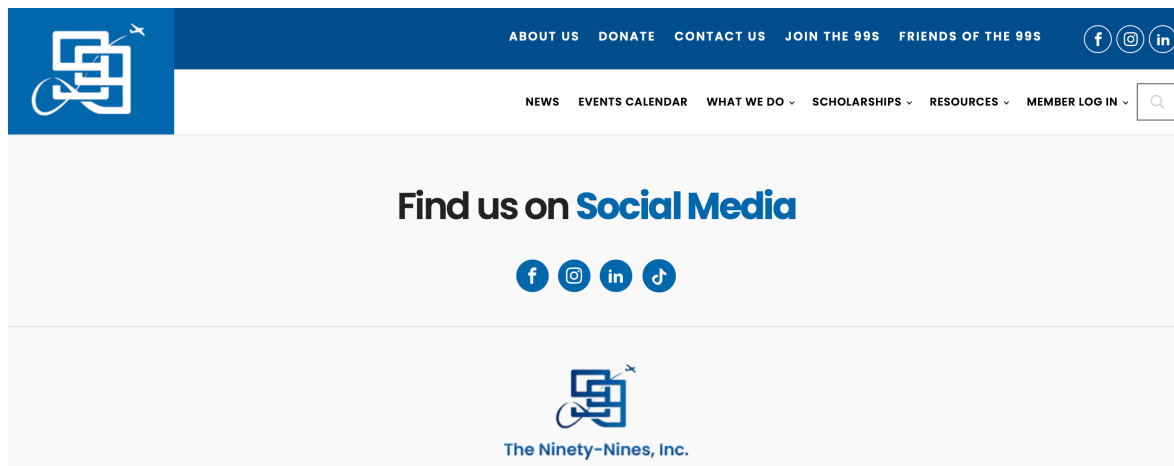
**Women In Aviation
International (WAI)
Scholarships**

<https://www.wai.org/scholarships>

50+ scholarships totaling \$200,000+ across flight training, engineering, maintenance, dispatch, and career advancement.

Current WAI membership required; may apply to up to 3 scholarships. Needs two recommendation letters, a 500-word essay, and (for flight awards) certificates/medical/last 3 logbook pages. Cycle opens June 1, closes Sept 1.

The Ninety-Nines



The Ninety-Nines – Amelia Earhart Memorial & Chapter Scholarships

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/other-scholarships.htm>

Individual chapter/section awards, typically \$500–\$2,000 each; dozens run independently by local chapters.

Open to women pilots/student pilots; many require Ninety-Nines or chapter membership (sometimes a post-award commitment), essay, and recommendation letters. Deadlines vary by chapter (commonly Jan–Apr).

LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation Flight Training Scholarship



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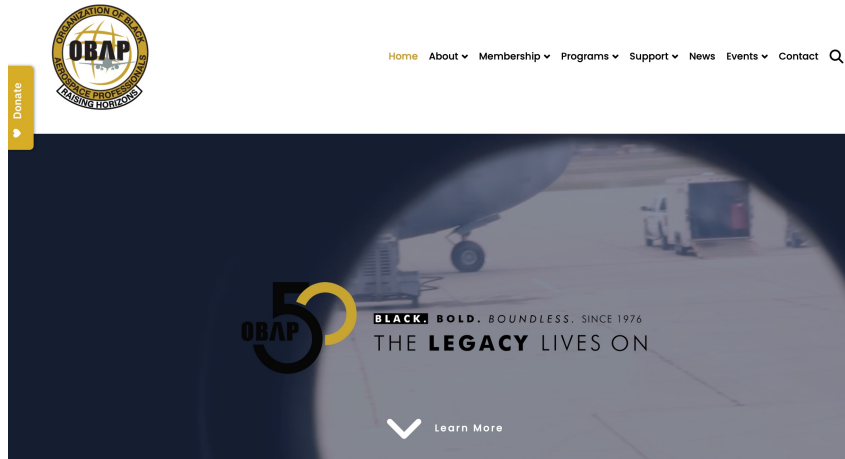
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Ground and flight training
with a CFI toward completion
of a Private Pilot Certificate.

U.S. citizens, ages 16–23, no
misdemeanors/felonies. Must complete or
commit to a Private Pilot written ground
school before award; must be available for
training through the award period with
limited absences. Window: Oct 31–Jan 31;
awards by Memorial Day.

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Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals Scholarships



Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) Scholarships	https://www.obap.org	Multiple named awards; amounts and count vary by cycle.	Open to students pursuing pilot, maintenance, or related aerospace careers; some awards prioritize OBAP/ACE Academy participants. Check current-year listing for essay, transcript, and recommendation requirements and deadlines.
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NGPA / Aviation Ally Scholarships

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<https://www.ngpa.org/scholarships>

\$1,500 – \$15,000 per award (~\$115,000 total per cycle); includes 6 General Aviation awards (\$5,000–\$15,000) and a \$10,000 post-private award.

Primarily for LGBTQ+ pilots; allies with documented advocacy histories may also apply. Online application; specific documentation varies by named award within the program.

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National Air Transportation Foundation (NATF) Scholarships



National Air Transportation Foundation (NATF) Scholarships	https://nata.aero/natf	Varies by named award; targeted at college students in flight programs.	Eligibility and required materials differ by individual scholarship; check current NATF listing for essay/transcript/recommendation requirements and deadlines.
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National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA)



Upwind Scholarship



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Upwind Summer Scholarship Program Overview – Airplane

Guide to Scholarships

General Aviation Scholarships

A quick-reference guide for pilots and pilots-in-training — compiled for CFI Bootcamp

The organizations below fund flight training, certificates/ratings, and aviation degree programs. Most operate as an umbrella over many individually named awards with their own dollar amounts and deadlines, so always confirm current-cycle details on the official page before applying.

Scholarship	Application Link	Funds Available	Key Requirements
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[Link to the GA Scholarship Guide](#)

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