



Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter Ninety-Nines® Flight Training Scholarship

Purpose

The Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter (EAGC) of the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots, Inc. is pleased to offer a \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship must be applied toward the cost of obtaining a private pilot certificate, light sport pilot certificate, or for an advanced rating or endorsement.

Eligibility

- The female applicant must be at least 17 years of age and reside within the following geographic area: Longitudes between W84° and W89° and Latitudes between N29° and N32°. (If applicant is less than 18, a parent or Guardian signature is required.)
- Female student pilot applicants must have a minimum of ten hours of logged flight training with a qualified flight instructor.
- If an advanced rating/endorsement is the goal, the applicant must have passed the written exam AND have a current medical or a valid Driver's License appropriate for the rating/endorsement. She must also have a current flight review and all prerequisite ratings for the rating she seeks before funds are awarded.
- Previous recipients of this scholarship are eligible to apply for a new award if they have completed the rating/endorsement or certification for which the previous awards were made. A new award must be used toward a new advanced rating/endorsement or certification.
- The applicant must be proficient in English.
- Applicants do not have to be a member of the Ninety-Nines® but will be offered an opportunity to become a member.

Application Process

- Please review the EAGC 99s website (eagc99s.org) for the application and detailed instructions. Kindly follow the guidelines provided, complete the application in its entirety, and submit your full application packet electronically to the designated email address and the current Chapter Chair.
- The scholarship application must be signed to certify that the information provided is true and complete.
- Applications may be submitted beginning on September 1st and must be received by 11:59 pm on October 31st of the same year.
- Applicants must be available for an in-person interview which may be conducted via video conferencing platforms if necessary.
- The scholarship recipient will be notified by December 20th of the same year the scholarship is awarded.
- A mentor will be assigned to support the recipient throughout the duration of the scholarship funding.

Disbursement of Funds

- Funds will be paid directly to flight schools, instructors, or educational institutions after completion of flight training and can be paid incrementally until the full amount of the award is disbursed. If direct payment is not possible, recipients must submit documentation proving how the funds were used before reimbursement is issued. Proper documentation includes invoices for training, logbook copies showing instructor-signed flight hours, and receipts for related expenses.

- The scholarship recipient must utilize the awarded funds by December 31st of the year following the official notification. Scholarship funds not used by this deadline are forfeited.

Additional Requirements

- **Personal essay** Please provide a written essay of no more than 1000 words, addressing the following topics: personal interests, career aspirations, and goals within the aviation field. Include any special qualifications or experience that support your pursuit of these goals. Explain what initially inspired your interest in aviation and detail any related activities or employment experiences that are particularly meaningful to you. Describe how receiving this scholarship will assist you in achieving your objectives. Additionally, share any challenges you have faced in starting or continuing your flying journey. Finally, address volunteer or leadership activities.
- **Two letters of recommendation** One letter of recommendation must be from someone knowledgeable about the applicant's aviation interests and accomplishments, such as applicant's flight instructor or mentor. Letters of recommendation should also include the length of time the author has known the applicant.
- **Budget Information** Provide a budget of anticipated expenses for the rating or endorsement sought, anticipated funding to meet these expenses (tuition, books, flight instruction, simulator time, etc.). The budget submitted should be signed by the flight school or independent instructor you plan to use to obtain the rating or endorsement. The list of funds should include any other anticipated financial aid or awards.
- **Documentation** The following documentation must be included. Omission of any of the required documents can result in a rejected application.
 1. A copy of your current medical certificate or driver's license which is appropriate for the certification rating or endorsement you are seeking. (For example, if you are seeking a commercial airplane pilot certificate, you must submit a copy of a Class II medical certificate; if you are seeking an instrument rating, a Class III certificate is sufficient.)
 2. Copies of the most recent three pages of entries recorded in your logbook (with totals entered in all columns) to show your currency.
 3. For those seeking advanced ratings:
 - A. Copies of both the front and back of your current FAA pilot certificate showing all privileges you hold.
 - B. Copies of any other pages from your log book that may be required to substantiate your readiness to pursue the certificate, endorsement, or rating you seek (for example, the three most recent pages of glider time if your three most recent log book pages are filled with powered flight time but you wish to pursue a commercial pilot certificate in gliders).
- **Report and Participation**
 1. The recipient will be requested to participate in an EAGC Chapter 99s meeting, either in person or virtually, to provide an update on her progress toward her goal. If unable to attend, she may submit a written report.
 2. The recipient will be requested to submit an article regarding their training progress for inclusion in our Southeast Section and International 99s newsletters.

Selection and Financial Award

- A panel of judges will select the scholarship recipient.
- The award recipient will be notified by December 20th of the same year the award is granted.
- Payment will not be provided for milestones or training completed prior to the announcement of the award recipient, nor will payment be issued for any milestones or training completed after December 31st of the year following the official notification.

- Funds will be disbursed to the award recipient based on documentation of the training receipts. All receipts must be signed by both the student and the instructor or flight school and include a copy of the corresponding logbook entry.
- To request payment upon completion of each milestone, a clear copy of the relevant page(s) from the student's logbook and/or the endorsement or certificate from the examiner must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee either by mail or in person.
- To request payment for the FAA written examination, a copy of the student's grade report indicating a passing grade must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee.
- The Scholarship Committee will subsequently inform the Treasurer to process the disbursement of the funds.
- Payment will be processed within 45 days of receipt submission.

TERMS

In the event that a recipient is unable to fulfill her aviation training during the award period due to circumstances beyond her control (i.e. medical emergency), a six-month extension of the award may be granted upon review of the circumstances. To be considered for an extension, a formal written request must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by November 30th of the award year. Any remaining award funds that are not utilized prior to December 31st of the award year will be forfeited by the recipient if an extension is not granted.

"Neither the Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., the Southeast Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., Ninety-Nines Inc.® nor their members, agents, or representatives are responsible for the quality of any training received with this scholarship, nor for any accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating thereto. Signature on this application constitutes a release and hold-harmless agreement in favor of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., its Sections, and Chapters upon receipt of the scholarship and for any flight taken as a result."

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided is true and correct, and that I meet the eligibility requirements for this scholarship."

Signed _____ Date _____

Questions? Email: 99pilot@gmail.com or eagc99chair@gmail.com

OUR MISSION: The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.