

EAA Chapter 17 YOUTH Flight Training Scholarship Application (revised 6/2026)

Youth Flight Training Scholarships are intended for United States citizens 16 to 19 years of age who meet the following requirements:

- Active member of EAA Chapter 17 for a minimum of 6 months
- Completed at least one (1) Young Eagle flight
- Hold a current Student Pilot Certificate
- Hold and maintain a current Medical Certificate

Please only apply if ALL of the above criteria are satisfied.

Funds received from this scholarship must be used within the United States at an accredited flight training school or chapter approved training. Funds pay for flight training, aircraft rental/insurance, fuel, written exam fees as well as check ride fees. Scholarship funds cannot be used for any travel or lodging expenses. Training must begin within 60 days of email notification date of scholarship selection. Any funds not used within one year of notification date will be returned to EAA Chapter 17.

**There are two types of flight training scholarships. Check the one you are applying for:
___ Private Pilot's license ___ Additional ratings/certifications (specify: _____)**

Applicant's PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name _____
Street address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____
Phone number _____ **Date of birth** _____
Email address _____

Parent/Guardian's Information:

Full name _____ **Relationship to applicant** _____
Phone number _____ **Email address** _____

What is the highest level of education you have completed? _____
Some High School – High School or Equivalent – Technical or Occupational Certificate – Some College Coursework – Associate Degree

Are you currently employed? Yes or No If Yes, please answer the following:

Name/location of employer _____
How long you have been there _____ **Average hours/week** _____
Your position/Responsibilities _____

Have you volunteered for any aviation related activities? Yes or No If Yes, please describe:

Name of event _____
Describe your role _____
Duration/frequency of event _____

Are you a current EAA Member? Yes or No If Yes, state EAA Member# _____
Are you a member of EAA Chapter 17? Yes or No If Yes, for how long? _____

Have you ever taken an introductory flight (Young Eagles or Eagles Flight) through the EAA? Yes or NO If Yes, how many have you taken? _____

Do you have a current Student Pilot Certificate? Yes or No

Do you have a current Medical Certificate? Yes or No

How many hours of flight time have you logged with an instructor? _____

How many in the past 12 months? _____

Have you completed Ground School? Yes or No

If Yes, what is the name of the ground school or program you completed? _____

For the flight training you intend to pursue, have you completed and passed your FAA Written Exam? Yes or No If Yes, state the date you passed _____

For the flight training you intend to pursue, which milestones have you already completed? (Check all that apply) – Solo – Cross-Country – Checkride – None

What certificates or ratings, if any, do you currently hold? _____

What is the name of the flight school/ flying club you plan to use? _____

If the flight school/flying club has a website, include link _____

Describe in a written essay (600 words max) what aviation means to you. Describe your goals in aviation. Tell us what you have already accomplished in pursuit of these goals and how this award will help you continue your progress. Describe the obstacles you foresee needing to overcome in order to complete your intended license, certificate, or rating. Tell us how you might meet these challenges. If applicable, state any special personal or family circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.

Please provide at least two letters of recommendation. These letters should describe your character and experience in areas outside of aviation as well as how long the recommending person has known you and in what capacity. Possible recommendations could come from teachers, employers, mentors, etc. NOTE: Recommendations from relatives will NOT be considered.

Please provide unofficial transcript(s) from high school and if applicable, for any post-secondary coursework completed.

If you are selected, Chapter 17 will issue the scholarship funds directly to the flight school or approved instructor. The applicant will need to send Chapter 17's scholarship committee a monthly update of training. This could consist of a copy of your logbook, or email statement from your instructor.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date _____

Mail completed application to: EAA Chapter 17 Scholarship Committee
c/o Jennifer Selm, 117 Championship Way, LaFollette, TN 37766