

EAA Chapter 17 POST-SECONDARY Scholarship Application

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Post-Secondary Scholarships are intended for United States citizens 18 years of age or older who are currently active members of EAA Chapter 17 (minimum of 6 months) AND are pursuing one (1) of the following:

- ***College degree or Technical training/certification courses at a post-secondary institution within the USA that focuses on aviation careers (possible coursework includes professional pilot, aeronautical engineering, aviation management, airframe & powerplant maintenance, air traffic control, and more)***
- ***Flight Training in the Knoxville, TN area at an accredited flight school or chapter approved training (possible training includes PPL, additional ratings/certifications)***

Check the one you are applying for:

_____ **College degree/Technical training**

_____ **Flight training**

Applicant's PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name _____

Street address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip code** _____

Phone number _____ **Date of birth** _____

Email address _____

What is the highest level of education you have completed? _____
High School/Equivalent – Technical/Occupational Certificate – Some College Courses
– Associate Degree – Bachelor's Degree – Master's 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?** _____

Section A:

(Complete if you are pursuing a College degree or Technical training)

Name and location of the College or Institution you plan to pursue your aviation-related training _____

Specify the career program you intend to enroll _____

Have you been accepted to the above institution? Yes or No

Have you already completed coursework at the above institution? Yes or No

Section B:

(Complete if you are pursuing local Flight Training)

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 _____

Specify the flight certificate/rating you intend to pursue _____

Section C:

(ALL applicants complete this section)

1. Do you have a Student Pilot certificate? Yes or No

2. Do you have a current Medical Certificate? Yes or No

3. Do you have any piloting experience? Yes or No

If you answered "No" to all three (3) questions above, skip to Section D.

If you answered "Yes" to one or more of the three (3) questions above, continue:

Total # of logged hours with a CFI _____, # of hours in past 12 months _____

Which milestones have you already completed? (circle all that apply):

-- Solo -- Written exam -- Cross country -- Checkride -- PPL - Instrument Rating

-- Glider Rating -- Seaplane Rating -- None -- Other (specify) _____

Section D:

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 certificate, rating, or degree. 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 or if applicable, for any post-secondary coursework completed.

If you are selected, Chapter 17 will issue the scholarship funds directly to the college/institution (toward tuition) or flight school (toward flight training, aircraft rental/insurance, fuel, written exam fees, and checkride fees) you plan to attend. Scholarship funds cannot be used for any travel or lodging expenses. Usage of funds must begin within 60 days of email notification date of scholarship selection. Any funds not used within one year of the email notification date of applicant's selection will be retained by EAA Chapter 17.

The scholar will 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 _____

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