







You are responsible for maintaining a study regimen and ensuring you meet the homework expectations set by your flight instructor. You cannot become a certified pilot through flying alone. We have set firm deadlines to take the *Private Pilot Aeronautical Knowledge Exam*, which may come earlier than your flight instructor would normally require of their students. We cannot afford to spend thousands of dollars on leisure flights and must ensure an awardee has the academic motivation for success. You must abide by **whichever deadline comes first: Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> / \$5,000 spent / before solo cross-country flight.**

We will not tolerate unprofessional conduct. If your flight school, instructor, or Wingman report inappropriate behavior, funds may be withheld. These scholarships are a privilege, and you will be held to the professional standards of the aviation industry.

Monthly meetings are provided, offering study sessions, networking, guest speakers, and aviation showcase events. A scholarship recipient must make every effort to attend and notify the supervisor if they cannot. Digital options may be explored, if there are awardees located beyond a reasonable commuting distance from our campus.

Applicant age restrictions are determined by these completion times and legal certification minimums. The federally enforced minimum age to be certified in an airplane is seventeen. In a glider, this is reduced to sixteen. Due to the costly nature of multi-year training plans, younger applicants would be prohibitively far away from their goal to achieve certification within the awarded amount. If the applicant is too young, they are encouraged to apply in a later cycle.

Private Pilot Airplane scholarship awardees must pass an FAA Third Class Medical Exam prior to release of funds. This is not applicable to gliders. **Do research on prohibitive medications and conditions. If you have doubts or questions, consult the Flight Training Supervisor before taking the exam.** A pilot who never takes an exam has better options than a pilot who fails one. In most cases, for applicants who have disqualifying medical conditions, a change in aircraft rating or a delayed start will still allow them to take advantage of a scholarship. Scholarship funds can be accessed early for the purpose of paying the medical examiner.

With the inclusion of ground school courses, flight simulator access, and other resources provided by Wings Over the Rockies, training costs will be reduced. However, even with these efforts, we do not guarantee certification will be achieved within the awarded amount. And we do not guarantee additional funding. If training circumstances do not seem conducive to maintaining the budget, communicate with the Flight Training Supervisor right away.

Always monitor your spending. In most examples, the supervisor will have an accurate record of charges to date. However, some flight schools only send monthly statements. If a large statement exceeds the scholarship amount, we do not guarantee we will cover the difference. Do not allow yourself to be surprised by an unexpected bill.

Funds can only be used for Private Pilot Certification. If an awardee completes their certification with funding remaining, this money will be reabsorbed into the program and allocated to new applicants. Scholarships for further ratings, endorsements, and certifications are not available at this time. We encourage you to explore other scholarship providers.

Expectations may evolve with the program. Any changes will be clearly communicated.

## Use of Scholarship Funds

### Items Funded Prior to the Official Release of Awards:

- Medical Exam

### Items Funded After Release of Awards:

- Aircraft Rental (Including cost of glider tow plane)
- Flight Instructor (Including ground instruction)
- Designated Pilot Examiner Fee (For the Practical Exam)

### Circumstantial Items:

- Training Materials & Flight Gear - We will only purchase products which cannot be provided through Wings Over the Rockies, and we will not fund supplies that are non-essential for student pilots.
- Aeronautical Knowledge Exam, (The Written Exam) – This must be purchased in advance through an online portal. To streamline bookkeeping, we request awardees submit receipts, instead of coordinating with the program to pay up front. This fee was not included in previous scholarship cycles and may continue to be conditional. More information to come.
- Aircraft Renters Insurance – If the flight school purchases the insurance on your behalf, we can reimburse them. However, it is extraordinarily difficult for us to pay insurance companies directly. With larger schools, we may negotiate with them to wave the insurance fees. However, this is not an option for all businesses. In any case, these policies are not overly expensive.

### Stipulations:

- To pay any business or individual, we must be able to establish them as a vendor. They must submit to us a W-9 form. If working with a company, instructor, or examiner that is new to the scholarship program, notify the Flight Training Supervisor in advance and provide contact information for the new vendor. If it is a large business, please identify the contact for the finance department.
- All vendors must submit to us invoices or detailed statements. We will only pay if there is a basic description of the service provided. (i.e. 1.5 hours flight time @ \$130/hr and 2.0 hours instructor time @ \$55/hr.) We already work with many local schools, but if you find someone new, put them in contact with the Flight Training Supervisor right away.
- We will not send money to the awardee, only to businesses working with them. **Please coordinate with the vendor to invoice us directly.** If it is one of the *limited* situations where the awardee can be reimbursed, please provide a receipt.



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### **Contact**

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Blome, the Flight Training Supervisor.

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### **To Apply**

Please visit <https://explorationofflight.org/scholarships/>

The application link will be added to this webpage on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and be removed March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The application cannot be saved and reopened. We recommend you write responses in a separate document and compile the requested records, then copy the information into the form in one sitting. We have not had any technical difficulties with this service, but we encourage you to confirm via email with the Flight Training Supervisor that the application was received.

If there is a delay collecting transcripts or letters of recommendation, these can be separately emailed to the Supervisor after submitting the form. However, only do so as a last resort.