



## WPAYASF SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Washington Pilots Association Youth in Aviation Scholarship Foundation is an IRS approved 501(C)(3) charitable foundation, which manages funds donated for aviation related scholarships for young men and young women.

Scholarship funding is made possible by donations and fund-raising activities of the WPA and its chapters throughout WA state, individual members, corporations, and friends of aviation in the community.

Funds available are based on funds on deposit for each WPA chapter for this specific purpose. Each WPA chapter can raise funds for this purpose. WPA chapters are responsible for establishing specific requirements for scholarship applications, review of applicants, and distributing scholarship awards that qualify under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The following are general guidelines for WPA Chapters and Scholarship Applicants.

### 1. Qualifications for Scholarship Fund Award

- a. Young men and women who, at the date of their application, are at least 17 years of age, and who have not yet reached their 30th birthday, who are seriously interested in pursuing a career in aviation.
- b. Applicants that best support the educational goals of the WPA chapter.
- c. Selection Criteria for Applicants:
  - i. Serious about obtaining a Private or Commercial Pilot License, Instrument Rating, ATP, CFI, CFII or A&P License.
  - ii. Demonstrates good character in their behavior and community activity
  - iii. Demonstrates ability to complete courses requiring classroom, interactive, and self-study.
  - iv. Demonstrates an aptitude for aviation training through successful involvement and/or completion of similar activities.
  - v. Has demonstrated good discipline in learning, and a cooperative attitude when interacting with others.

## **2. Application Procedure**

- a. Applicants fill out a Scholarship Application and submit it via regular mail or email to the WPA Chapter offering the scholarship.**
- b. Applications are processed as received by the Chapter.**
- c. Each WPA chapter establishes a timeline for review and acceptance, based on funds available and resources to process applicants. WPA chapters are encouraged to establish and publish timeframes for receiving and for responding to applicants.**
- d. Applicants are prepared to submit letters of recommendation.**

## **3. Funding Structure**

- a. Scholarship awards are based upon the completion of a phase of training, which may vary based on an individual's prior experience.**
- b. Applicants who are awarded a Scholarship must begin their training within the agreed days after the award and complete their designated phase of training within the timeframe stated in the award.**
- c. Upon proof of successful completion of paragraph (3b), an award check from the WPA Youth in Aviation Scholarship Fund will be presented to either (i) the student, or (ii) the organization providing the agreed training.**
- d. At the discretion of the sponsoring WPA Chapter Scholarship Committee, an extension may be granted for extenuating circumstances if this request is received in writing prior to the paragraph (3b) deadline.**

**The WPA Paine Field Scholarship Program and Application are on Pages 3 & 4.**



## Youth in Aviation Scholarship Program Policy

The Paine Field Chapter of the Washington Pilots Association has established a fund an annual scholarship to be awarded to an applicant who demonstrates a passion for aviation and interest in an aviation career.

### **Purpose**

The WPA Paine Field Chapter will award some financial assistance to eligible people who are furthering their education and working toward a career in the field of aviation.

### **Eligibility**

Young people, at least 17, but not more than 30 years of age, who are residents of Washington State, attending any post-secondary educational institution will be eligible. Eligible institutions include flight schools in WA state, plus universities, colleges, technical schools, trade and vocational institutions.

### **Application Process**

All applicants will submit a scholarship application and an essay of at least 300 words. Applicants are encouraged to compose an essay that expresses their enthusiasm for aviation, as well as any prior achievements and future goals in an aviation career. Applicants may also address financial need in the essay. **Application deadline is June 15 each year.**

### **Selection Process**

A Selection Committee made up of chapter members will judge the application and essay contents.

The Committee should plan to meet as soon as possible after the application deadline to review and assess all applications and essays. Their duties will also include preparing and distributing new applications annually.

### **Scholarship Amount**

The amount to be awarded is \$\_2,000\_per recipient.

### **Distribution**

The Scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's school and must be used within a year of receiving the award. **One-half is paid when initially awarded with the remaining balance paid upon progress toward goal.** The funds must be used for tuition, books, flight instruction, and related fees. A letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment from an educational institution is required. This letter may be submitted with the application or any time prior to the payment.



**Washington Pilots Association  
Youth in Aviation Scholarship Application  
Paine Field Chapter**

Name		Date of Birth			
Street Address					
City		State		Zip	
Mailing Address (if different)					
City		State		Zip	
Home Phone		Cell Phone			
Email Address					
Flight School or College Attending				Completion Level	
Address: City/State					

Provide the following information in essay form for each topic in your own words.  
(Clearly identify each topic heading and your name on your submitted paper-2 pages max for all topics)

- 1. Your goals related to aviation:**
- 2. Your last 2 years of Community Involvement & Activities:**
- 3. Your past and present aviation related activities:**
- 4. Additional comments you would like to make to the Scholarship Committee:**

**I hereby certify that the statements on my application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Submit your application before the deadline date to:  
WPA Paine Field Chapter Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 591  
Kirkland, WA 98083-0591  
Or email to: [treasurer@wpapainefield.org](mailto:treasurer@wpapainefield.org)