



2021 AOPA TEACHER FLIGHT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Deadline: February 14, 2021 | 11:59 p.m. (EDT)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship applicants* must meet all the following criteria:

1. Current member of AOPA at both the time of application and when the scholarship is awarded. Not a member? AOPA offers a free [six-month membership](#) for student pilots and other [membership options](#).
2. U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident
3. Currently be a paid, full-time employee of a school or school system
4. Must currently be instructing or providing AOPA High School Aviation STEM curriculum to teachers or students in preparation for a future in aviation.
5. Not have completed an FAA checkride previously for a primary pilot certificate at the time of application.
6. Be the teacher of record for students or have direct supervision over curriculum and instruction.
7. Provide a letter from his or her school verifying their employment in a school or school system during the 2020-2021 school year and signed by a district administrator. If a district administrator is applying, the letter needs to be signed by another administrator employed by the same school system.

** Employees of AOPA and their immediate family members and household members are not eligible to participate in the AOPA High School Flight Training Scholarship program. The term "immediate family members" includes spouses, siblings, children, and grandchildren.*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Prerequisites: To be selected, a teacher must be instructing or providing curriculum to teachers instructing, students preparing for a future or career in aviation.
- Although not a prerequisite, preference will be given to applicants who:
 - Currently, teach high school students or within grades 9-12; and/or
 - Teach AOPA high school aviation STEM curriculum.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I'M A TEACHER. AM I ELIGIBLE?

A teacher must be a current, paid, full-time employee of a school or school system in the 2020-2021 school year to apply. The teacher will need to verify their employment by providing a letter from the school system signed by a district administrator.

I'VE COMPLETED SOME FLIGHT TRAINING. CAN I STILL APPLY?

It is okay to have taken some flying lessons as long as you have not completed your checkride (FAA practical test for a pilot certificate).

I WANT TO LEARN TO FLY FOR PERSONAL REASONS BUT DO NOT TEACH AVIATION AT MY SCHOOL. AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP?

This program is to help teachers teaching aviation to their students become pilots. Individuals who happen to be teachers but want to learn how to fly for personal reasons may be better suited to apply to the AOPA Primary Certification Scholarship program.

THE WEBSITE SAYS THAT I HAVE TO BE AN AOPA MEMBER TO APPLY. HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association offers a variety of memberships options. [Click](#) to learn about our free six-month student membership or review our membership options [here](#).

I ALREADY AM A PRIVATE PILOT. CAN I USE THESE FUNDS TO PURSUE AN ADVANCED RATING?

No, this scholarship is to assist teachers in achieving their primary pilot certificate. If you are an AOPA member, you can apply for an AOPA Advanced Rating Scholarship to pursue an advanced rating.

CAN I PRINT THE APPLICATION AND MAIL IT IN?

No, paper applications will not be accepted.

HOW DOES THE RECOMMENDATION PROCESS WORK?

On your application you will enter the names and email addresses of two references. Once you submit your application, the system will send each of your references a link to the online recommendation form. Ask your two references to complete the online form by the application deadline **(February 14, 2021)**.

When a recommendation is submitted on your behalf, you will receive an email confirmation. You can also log into the application system to see if your recommendations have been submitted.

CAN RECOMMENDATIONS BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL?

No, all recommendations must be submitted using the online recommendation link that is provided to your references once you submit your application and enter their email addresses. The link is unique to you and attaches the recommendations to your application.

WHICH TWO PEOPLE SHOULD I HAVE COMPLETE THE ONLINE RECOMMENDATION FORM?

Choose two people who know you well, are familiar with your goal to earn a pilot certificate and can share why you'll successfully complete flight training. The best recommendations will come from your flight and/or ground school instructor, a pilot mentor, or a professional colleague.

We do not recommend having family members complete your recommendations unless they are your CFI or serving as a flight training mentor.

ARE THERE EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE APPLICATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS?

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made for missing the **application deadline, February 14, 2021, 11:59 p.m., EDT.**

Both recommendations must also be completed for your application to be considered. Be sure to give your recommenders plenty of time to complete their forms.

IF I WIN A SCHOLARSHIP HOW DO I GET THE MONEY? DOES IT GO TO MY FLIGHT SCHOOL?

If you are a scholarship recipient, the funds are provided to you directly via a prepaid expense card.

REMINDER!

BE SURE TO REVIEW THE FAQs BEFORE EMAILING AOPA WITH QUESTIONS.

If your questions have not been answered here, please email FTscholarship@aopa.org.

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