



## 2015 AOPA AV8RS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Background

AOPA AV8RS is an AOPA membership category available at no charge to teens, ages 13-18, interested in aviation. The youth membership allows AOPA to make an early connection with young people and raises awareness of aviation and flight through education, engagement, and support. AOPA AV8RS is funded through the AOPA Foundation and made possible through the Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust. Only teen members currently enrolled in the AOPA AV8RS membership category are eligible to participate in the AOPA AV8RS scholarship program which will award up to \$15,000 in financial assistance. To join AOPA AV8RS, go to: [www.aopa.org/membership](http://www.aopa.org/membership).

### AOPA AV8RS Scholarship Program

In an effort to support outstanding AOPA AV8R teen members, we will be awarding up to \$15,000 in financial assistance this fall to teens currently enrolled in the free **AOPA AV8RS youth membership category** ([www.aopa.org/av8rs](http://www.aopa.org/av8rs)). The recipients will be chosen based on merit, previous accomplishments, ability to set goals, and demonstrated commitment to general aviation

The AOPA AV8RS Scholarship Program supports outstanding AOPA AV8R teen members in accomplishing their educational and career goals. The recipients will be chosen based on merit, previous accomplishments, ability to set goals, and demonstrated commitment to general aviation. It is open to all **current members of AOPA AV8RS** pursuing an aviation-related goal, including:

1. Primary pilot's certificate (have not completed the FAA practical test/checkride at time of application)
2. Study in an aviation/aerospace field through an accredited aviation program at a college/university, technical school or aviation academy
3. Aviation or aerospace camp

### Deadline / Award Date

A completed application and supporting documentation must be received on or before **August 31, 2015** via mail or email. Applications received after the designated deadline date will not be considered. No exceptions.

Scholarship winners will be notified by **October 31, 2015**. Those who have not been selected will not be notified. For a list of scholarship winners, please visit [www.aopa.org/av8rs](http://www.aopa.org/av8rs) after **November 9, 2015**.

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Please note: If you are not eligible to participate but are a current paid AOPA member, we encourage you to submit a scholarship application to the AOPA Flight Training Scholarship Program which awards more than \$50,000 in financial assistance. Applications for this program are now being accepted through August 9, 2015. If you are currently not an AOPA member, visit <http://www.aopa.org/Membership> for available membership options.

For more information on the AOPA Flight Training Scholarship Program, visit: [ft.aopa.org/ftsponsorship.html](http://ft.aopa.org/ftsponsorship.html).

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## General Criteria and Eligibility Requirements

Scholarship applicants must meet all the criteria listed below.

1. **Be a current AOPA AV8R member** from the date of the scholarship application through the date it is awarded. Other AOPA membership categories DO NOT QUALIFY for the AOPA AV8RS Scholarship program.
2. Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident
3. Parent or guardian approval if under 18 years of age
4. Students must be in good standing at their respective high school, college, university or technical school.
5. If applying for flight training assistance:
  - a. Be a current student pilot working toward an initial sport, recreation or private pilot certificate
  - b. Not have completed the FAA practical test/checkride at the time of application
6. If applying for assistance towards a field of study in aviation or aerospace
  - a. Has been accepted or currently enrolled in an aviation/aerospace program at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational technical school.
7. If applying to attend an aviation/aerospace camp:
  - a. Recommended by an educator (school administrator, teacher or guidance counselor) to attend a formal aviation or aerospace camp that incorporates a STEM-related curriculum.
8. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the approved flight school, college, technical school, aviation academy/high school, or aviation camp.
9. Employees of AOPA and their immediate family members and household members are not eligible to participate in the AOPA AV8RS scholarship program. The term "immediate family members" includes spouses, siblings, children, and grandchildren.

## Obligations and Responsibilities

- The applicant's description of his/her personal record should show that s/he can successfully complete the aviation career educational program for which s/he is requesting the scholarship.
- Should the scholarship recipient not fulfill his/her obligation for which the scholarship was intended, the parent or legal guardian of the recipient (or the recipient, if 18 years of age), will be required to return all or any unused portion of the scholarship to the AOPA Foundation.
- Unused flight training funds remaining after 12 months of the award shall be returned to AOPA.

## Right of Refusal, Reassignment, and/or Retraction

The AOPA Foundation, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and/or the scholarship committee has the right to refuse, reassign, and/or retract any scholarship application or award during the judging, awarding or post-awarding process. Refusal/retraction can be based on, but not limited to: false misleading and/or incorrect information provided in the application, statements made during the interview that contradicts application and/or failure to meet any criteria or eligibility requirements.

## Application Submittal Process

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 31, 2015.** Application materials must be received **by 5:00 p.m. EST** on this date in order to be considered.

### **SUBMIT BY:**

**MAIL:** AOPA AV8RS Scholarship Committee, 421 Aviation Way, Frederick, MD 21701 ATTN: Lauren Otto  
or

**EMAIL:** [av8rs@aopa.org](mailto:av8rs@aopa.org) | Include in subject line: Attn: Lauren Otto, AV8RS Scholarship

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:** The applicant is responsible for submitting all materials on time. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

1. Complete this application (attach additional sheets as requested or as necessary). Your name and address should be on all attachments. A typed application is preferred, but not mandatory (except where noted). Must be clearly legible if handwritten.
2. A typed essay (no more than two pages double spaced) addressing one of the following topics:
  - a. What is the impact of general aviation on the United States?
  - b. Describe an accomplishment you have been recognized for and its influence on you
  - c. Who has been the most influential on your life and why?
  - d. How did your interest in aviation originate?

*While the essay will be judged on content, please make your best effort with grammar and spelling.*

3. One letter of reference or recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, or other adult who is not a relative.
4. If applying for assistance towards:
  - a. A field of study at an accredited 2- or 4-year or college, university or vocational technical school, **provide a letter of acceptance or most recent transcript, if currently enrolled.**
  - b. Flight training at an approved flight school or training program, **provide a written report (dated and signed) from the flight school detailing your progress to date and confirming that you have not completed the FAA practical test/checkride.**
  - c. An aviation or aerospace camp, **provide a name and dates of camp, location, cost, web address, and contact information.**

### **Selection Process**

1. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application and all the supporting documentation in one package, which must be received on or before the deadline date as set forth below. The Scholarship Committee accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the above instructions.
2. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final and not subject to a review process.
3. Scholarship selections shall be made without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference, or disability.
4. The scholarship awards will be based on the Committee's scores of the overall quality of the application and the scholarship essay. The higher the average score, the higher the probability of selection.

# 2015 AOPA AV8RS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the application below in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

## 1. SCHOLARSHIP PREFERENCE

Check the box for the type of scholarship you are applying for:

- Primary pilot's certificate**  
I'm currently pursuing a sport, recreational or private pilot certificate. I have not completed the FAA practical test/check ride at the time of my application  
**SCHOLARSHIP CAP: \$5,000**      COST OF TRAINING PROGRAM: \$      AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$
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- Study in an aviation/aerospace field through an accredited aviation program at a college, technical school or aviation academy**  
I've been accepted/currently attending an accredited college/university, technical school or aviation academy/high school in pursuit of a degree leading to an aviation career.  
**SCHOLARSHIP CAP: \$10,000**      ANNUAL TUITION COST: \$      AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$
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- Aviation or aerospace camp**  
I'm interested in attending a formal aviation/aerospace camp to advance my understanding of aviation.  
**SCHOLARSHIP CAP: \$1,000**      CAMP PROGRAM COST: \$      AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$
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## 2. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth    Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male     Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alt/Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

***If applicant is under the age of 18, please complete the following:***

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone (preferably cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

#### A. If signatory/applicant/recipient is 18 years of age, please read and sign below.

1. I have read, understand, and agree to the instructions on the application.
2. I affirm the information reported is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any information found to be false or misleading will result in the withdrawal of my application from the selection process. I also give consent for the AOPA AV8RS Scholarship Selection Committee to verify any and all information, including contact information and / or school information.
3. I also agree that should I be selected for a scholarship award, I may be interviewed for print and electronic media in order to help publicize the AOPA AV8RS Scholarship program.
4. I also understand that AOPA and the AOPA Foundation will bear no liability during the instructional phase of training should the applicant receive this scholarship.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. If signatory/applicant/recipient is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must read and sign below.

By signing below said Parent or Legal Guardian represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this scholarship. Said Parent or Legal Guardian further certifies to the best of his/her ability that the information contained in the scholarship application are true and correct.

*I/We the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the applicant understand all of the criteria and intentions associated with this scholarship application and hereby give our consent for our minor child, \_\_\_\_\_, to compete in the AOPA AV8RS Scholarship process. I/We understand that any information found to be false or misleading will result in the withdrawal of the application from the selection process. I/we also give consent for the AOPA AV8RS Scholarship Selection Committee to verify any and all information, including contact information and / or school information.*

*I/We also agree that should my minor child be selected for a scholarship award, s/he may be interviewed for print and electronic media in order to help publicize the AOPA AV8RS Scholarship program.*

*I/We also understand that AOPA and the AOPA Foundation will bear no liability during the instructional phase of training should the applicant receive this scholarship.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

What is your current grade level? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your cumulative GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled in a college/university/technical school program?  Yes  No (If no, proceed to #5 Programs and Activities.)

If yes, what institution do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, what institution do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

I have applied

I have been admitted

What degree are you currently pursuing or plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

**5. PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

- A. List any scholastic programs and activities in which you have participated in high school (and college/university/technical school if currently enrolled). Include clubs, publications, debate, dramatics, music, art, student government, etc. Indicate with an asterisk [ \* ] those in which you are presently active. Please list in descending order.

H.S./COLLEGE ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION/OFFICE HELD	DATES PARTICIPATED
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**6. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- A. List your community volunteer activities (church work, outreach programs, hospital work, etc.). Indicate with an asterisk [ \* ] those in which you are presently active. Please list in descending order.

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION/POSITION HELD	DATES PARTICIPATED
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**7. AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

- A. List important achievements, awards or recognitions that you have received, the organizations that presented them, and the year received. Please list in descending order.

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION/POSITION HELD	DATES PARTICIPATED
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**8. WORK EXPERIENCE**

- A. List jobs you have held in the past two to four years and include length of employment and duties. Please list in descending order.

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION/POSITION HELD	DATES PARTICIPATED
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## 9. ESSAYS

Please submit the following on a separate document, typed and double-spaced.

### A. Aviation Activities

Describe your accomplishments/involvement with aviation to include activities that provided positive social interaction. (Limit of 1,000 characters with spaces)

### B. Your Professional Aspirations

What are your professional aspirations? What issues, needs or problems do you hope to address? (Limit of 2,000 characters with spaces)

### C. Address ONE of the following topics. While judged primarily on content, please make your best effort with grammar and spelling.

- What is the impact of general aviation on the United States?
- Describe an accomplishment you have been recognized for and its influence on you.
- Who has been the most influential on your life and why?
- How did your interest in aviation originate?

### D. Additional Information (Optional)

Feel free to make other remarks you feel would be helpful to the Selection Committee in evaluating you and comparing you with other applicants for an AOPA AV8RS scholarship. (Limit of 600 characters with spaces.)

## 10. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Attach one of the following as it relates to the scholarship you are pursuing:

- High school transcript. Attach your most recent high school transcript if currently enrolled.
- Accredited 2- or 4-year or college, university or vocational technical school. Attach a letter of acceptance or most recent transcript, if currently enrolled or accepted.
- Flight training at an approved flight school or training program. Attach a written progress report (also noting that you have not completed the FAA practical test/check ride), dated and signed, from the school.
- Aviation or aerospace camp. Attach a letter of recommendation by an educator (school administrator, teacher or guidance counselor) and attach information on the camp, including: Name of camp, date, description, cost, Web URL, and contact information.

2. Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, or other adult who is not an immediate relative. If applying for assistance to an aviation camp, include why the applicant would benefit from attending.

## CHECKLIST

In order to be considered, you must submit a complete, signed application, together with all supporting documentation, if any, by the **deadline date of August 31, 2015, 5:00 p.m. EST**. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to applicant.

- Completed and signed application
- Typed essays are attached.
- Letter of reference/recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, or other adult (not a relative) and camp information are attached.
- One of the following is attached:
  - Letter of acceptance or most recent transcript if applying for assistance towards a program of study at an accredited 2- or 4-year college/university or vocational technical school.
  - Written progress report from an approved flight school or training program, dated and signed, if applying for assistance towards a flight training program.