



The SoCal Pilots Association

Flight Training Scholarship

The SoCal Pilots Association provides an opportunity for a person interested in beginning or furthering his or her flight training the opportunity to compete for a financial grant.

- These grants are designed to award deserving candidates a start to becoming a pilot and/or move to an advance level in flight training
- Applicants must show a strong desire to learn to fly or continue training.
- The amount of the award is \$1,500, paid in three \$500 installments. Disbursement is based on student's progress.
- A scholarship application form may be found on the third page of this document.
- Completed Applications must be submitted by September 1st. Grants awarded September 30th.
- The application must be completed and submitted to Joe Finnell, President. Joe's contact information can be found at the end of the application or www.socalpilots.org.

GENERAL

Scholarship awards, one or more per year, are for the purpose of flight training and may be used for costs including: course materials, airplane rentals [for training purposes], flight instructor fees and / or related other costs. Grants will be paid directly to the flight training organization selected [approved by the So Cal Pilots Association]. Monies are to be used solely for the recipient's purposes as listed above.

WHO CAN QUALIFY

- Applicants must be bright, focused, determined and of the highest character.
- Previous flight training is not required; however, for a beginning student successful participation and experience with flying endeavors such as EAA's Young Eagles. The committee will take CAP membership, or the Aviation Explorers into consideration.

ENTRY TIMELINE

- Completed entries will be reviewed for completion and qualification by the SoCal Pilots Scholarship committee and judged for acceptance. Final determination of award will be by vote of SoCal Pilots Board of Directors at the next directors quarterly meeting.
- Candidate will be advised of award or disqualification within one week of board determination.

JUDGING

- The applicants will be judged based on desire to learn to fly, advance career in aviation, or becoming a CFI to teach others aviation skills.
- The applicant, explaining why he or she wants to learn to fly or improve skills, must submit a one-page essay. It must clearly state the goals he or she may have in aviation and what long term career goals he or she plans to achieve.
- Financial need will be taken into consideration; therefore an applicant's financial resources will be compared to those of other applicants competing for the same grant.
- Give Back: An applicant's stated intention to utilize knowledge gained to advance others will be viewed favorably by the selection committee. Such usage might be to fly Young Eagles, gift flight instruction, join Angel Flight or Liga, or other groups for the benefit of others.

APPLICATION

- A recommendation from a flight instructor/flight school or schoolteacher will be required.
- Winners of SoCal Pilot Association grants must select an organization, school or fixed base operator to provide flight instruction and whose name will be co-written on the award check along with the recipient's name. Unused funds must be returned to SoCal Pilots if a six-month void period occurs in training.

Applicant:

Application Date: _____

Name : _____

Birth date : _____ Age: _____

Address : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Phone : _____

E-Mail address : _____

School Attending : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Grade or Year in School : _____ Grade Point Average : _____ (Attached last grade report or letter from school verifying current GPA)

Date Of current medical exam; _____

Are you attending any aviation classes? No Yes Classes : _____

Had any flight training? No Yes

Type of aircraft : _____

Hours of flight training have you had? : _____

Have you soloed? No Yes

FAA ratings held : _____

Currently employed? No Yes

Employer : _____ Employer's

Phone : _____

Approximate earnings per month : \$ _____

Parents/Guardian:

Name : _____

Relationship : _____

Address : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Phone : _____

E-Mail address : _____

Employer : _____

Employer's Phone : _____

Total annual household income from all sources: \$ _____

Consent statement by parent or guardian of a minor: I give consent for _____ to apply for the SoCal Pilots Association Scholarship which will provide a grant for the purpose of flight training, and will consent to allow him/her to receive such flight training as deemed appropriate by a Certified Flight Instructor.

Name : _____

Signature : _____

Relationship : _____

Date : _____

Teacher Recommendation or Flight Instructor/Flight School Recommendation:

Reason for recommending this applicant for this Scholarship : _____

Separate endorsement letter is preferred!

Teacher / Flight Instructor : _____ Signature : _____

School / Organization : _____ Phone : _____

Name, address and telephone number of the flight school you would like to have receive this grant on your behalf should you be chosen for this scholarship.

Flight School or Club : _____

Contact Person : _____ Phone : _____

Address : _____ City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Phone : _____ E-Mail address : _____

Attach a one-page essay about your interests and goals in aviation. In this essay, tell us why you want this scholarship and share your future goals in aviation and your long-term career goals.

Please email to: The SoCal Pilots Association [Scholarship Consideration]
Joseph Finnell <joefinl@socal.rr.com>