

EAA Chapter 122, Inc.
James C. Ray Flight Training Scholarship
General Information 2025



Congratulations on your decision to apply for our flight training scholarship!

Acquiring a pilot's certificate is a privilege that requires commitment, dedicated study, perseverance, and a willingness to learn. This endeavor should not be taken lightly, but the process will be very rewarding and will, in many ways, change your life.

The following Flight Training Scholarship opportunities are currently available for students ages 15 to 19. The maximum scholarship award amount varies with the type of pilot certificate sought:

Glider Pilot (15-19)	Light Sport Pilot (16-19)	Private Pilot (16-19)
\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000

Flight training is tailored to individual abilities. It is possible the selected certificate can be completed at a cost below the award limits. However, it is also possible that training completion may require additional funds be provided by the applicant.

If awarded a scholarship, EAA International and Aim for the Sky Fund will provide funds to EAA Chapter 122 to administer on behalf of the student pilot. Continued funding is dependent upon the scholar completing progress reports and meeting training milestones in a timely manner. The scholar will have 60 days following award notification to choose a flight training school / instructor and complete the first training flight, three months to complete the first solo, six months to complete the FAA written exam, and one year to take the FAA Practical Exam (check ride). The scholar will commit to a minimum of two volunteer hours per month for the local EAA chapter. A third class medical certificate is required for Private Pilot scholars *prior* to training. If selected for the scholarship, a local EAA member will help you understand and complete these requirements.

All applicants may be subject to additional information requests, if needed to support the EAA selection process.

More information about the Ray Aviation Scholarship can be found online at:

<https://www.eaa.org/rayscholarship>

More information about EAA Chapter 122 can be found at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea122>

We are glad you have taken the first step by applying with EAA 122... Good luck!



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Application Instructions:

There are three parts to this application:

1. The following pages of the application form are intended to be self-explanatory. Please complete them to the extent possible and attach the requested essay. It is not expected that every question will apply to your circumstances. Forward to the address below. Hardcopy via US Postal Service or electronic copy via Email is acceptable.
2. Student Scholastic Record (transcript dated within 30 days of application). Direct your school to send a transcript to the address below.
3. Letter of recommendation from an instructor, employer, or teacher, dated within 30 days of application. Letter must come from a non-family member. Should be mailed or emailed from author to the address below.

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The deadline to apply for a 2025 Ray Aviation Scholarship through EAA Chapter 122 is May 31, 2025.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION *(Please Type or Print Clearly)*

First _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age _____ Male Female

Home Phone: (____) ____-____ Cell Phone: (____) ____-____

Applicant email address: _____

Have you flown with an EAA pilot as a Young Eagle? Yes No

Have you attended EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI? Yes No

Do you intend to pursue an aviation related career? Yes No

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION *(Please Type or Print Clearly)*

First _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: (____) ____-____ Work: (____) ____-____ Cell: (____) ____-____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

SIGNATURES

Applicant (student) _____ Date _____

Parent / Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

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Education:

Where do you attend school? _____

What year of school are you in? _____

What STEM courses have you taken or do you plan to take?

What other activities are you currently engaged in?

Do you plan to pursue higher education, or military service? Please explain:

Flight Training:

What pilot certificate would you like to pursue? Glider Light Sport Private

Are you participating in Sporty's "Learn to Fly" Course? Yes No

Do you have a flight school or flying club in mind if you are selected as a Ray Aviation Scholar?

Yes No If so, please list it here, along with any website address:

What type of aircraft would you learn to fly in at this school/club? _____

Do you already have any flight training experience? Yes No

If so, please briefly describe: _____

Have you completed a ground school course? Yes No

Have you completed your FAA written exam? Yes No

Have you accepted any other aviation scholarships? Yes No

Essay:

Please provide a short essay on why you feel you should be awarded a Ray Aviation Scholarship. Essay must be typed — *no more than one page, double-spaced, 12-point Times Roman font*. You may include personal accomplishments, academic and aviation interests, career goals, and any other information to supplement or clarify above answers.