



Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 631 - The Blue Hills Flyers



2025 Chapter 631 Scholarship Application

Please circle one or both of the scholarships that you wish to apply for.

Ray Aviation Foundation

Mark T. Schoonover Memorial

Name:

Birth Date:

Address:

Parent or Guardian:

Contact Information for Parent or Guardian (phone number, email address):

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- 1) Have you ever had an EAA "Young Eagles" ride? How many?
 - 2) Please give a summary of your Young Eagle Ride(s)
 - 3) Have you ever been to an EAA Summer Academy/Camp? If so, please note the years that you attended.

- 4) Have you started the Sporty's (or other) free ground school? If so, how far along are you?
- 5) How much time do you have to dedicate to flight training? To Sporty's (or similar) ground school?
- 6) (actually, 4 questions here) Are you aware of EAA Chapter 631 various activities? If so, can you summarize what they are? Have you participated in various Chapter 631 activities? Will you (and your parents/guardians) be willing to participate in Chapter 631 activities in the future?
- 7) What other activities are you involved in? Would you be willing to minimize or eliminate "other" activities if need be to complete flight training in a 12-month period, and/or in an economical fashion? (studies show that students who complete 8+ lessons per month retain more knowledge and learn more quickly than those who can only complete 4 or so per month. Also, there will be an expectation with this scholarship that the recipient is scheduling 3+ lessons per week)

8) Please write a paragraph or two on why Chapter 631 should select you for the Ray Scholarship.

9) Have you applied for any other aviation-related scholarships recently? If so, please summarize organization and when approximately you applied.

10) Have you taken any flying lessons yet, or looked into them in some way yet? If you have started summarize "where you are currently at":

- 11) What are your career goals? Does aviation play a role in the goal? (note that such is not a requirement of this scholarship; but we are curious).
- 12) What type of training / education will be needed for your goals? Where?
- 13) Have you started the application process for any post-secondary program?
- 14) What are your ideas about financing a post-secondary program?
- 15) A couple prerequisites for being selected for this Ray Foundation Scholarship are that you can obtain a "Student Pilot Certificate" prior; and that you can obtain a "Third Class Medical Certificate" prior. Obtaining the 3rd Class Medical requires getting a "flight physical" from an FAA-approved Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). Nearby AME's are in St. Croix Falls, Eau Claire, Duluth, Stillwater. One thing Chapter 631 has learned the hard way is that if a person is on certain prescriptions (for ADD or ADHD, possibly other symptoms) obtaining a passing 3rd Class Medical is impossible. All that said:
- a. Are you and your parents willing to pursue a Student Pilot Certificate in somewhat short order (we can help you find a local CFI to help with that)? Such is needed for Chapter 631 to recommend you to EAA headquarters for the scholarship (note that HQ has final say on whether you will receive a scholarship).
 - b. Are you and your parents willing to pursue a 3rd Class Medical via an FAA AME in somewhat short order (we can help you find a nearby AME)? We should discuss any medications you may be taking first as some are known to be automatic fails for 3rd Class medical and then there would be no reason to pay for the flight physical (approximately \$150).

16) Please attach to this application a copy of your high school transcript to-date.

17) Anything else you would like to add:

18) Note (not necessarily a requirement if selected): Taking flying lessons does involve some risk. Part of flying lessons is the rental of the flight school's aircraft to take lessons in. Flight schools insure their aircraft to protect/insure the flight school's financial interests (not the student's/family's). The family of any flight training scholarship recipient should research/consider the purchase of an aircraft rental insurance policy (to protect the financial interests of the student/family). Feel free to ask questions on this.

19) Should you exceed the funds provided with the scholarship, would you/your parents be willing to contribute whatever is the remainder of the funds to complete training?