

EAA Chapter 863- Lebanon, TN

2025 Flight Scholarship Announcement

EAA #863 is proud to announce that the Ray Foundation is sponsoring a full \$12,000 flight scholarship for our chapter again this year. Following are the requirements to apply for this exciting opportunity with our chapter:

- 1) Student must be between the ages of 16 and 18.
- 2) Student must have at least a 3.0 GPA
- 3) Student must have completed an application for or posses an FAA Student Pilot Certificate
- 4) Student must be able to pass an FAA 3rd class medical exam
- 5) Student must be a member of the National EAA Organization and the EAA #863 youth group
- 6) Student must reside in the Middle TN area.
- 7) Student must be an active participant in EAA Chapter 863 and Chapter youth group activities
- 8) Student must submit a personally written 1500 word essay describing how you became interested in aviation, how your first flight affected your interest in aviation, and how you plan to support the chapter through your 2 hour per month volunteer commitment.

The deadline for applications is midnight on **Sunday, 06 APR 2025**. The application packet must be complete in order to be considered. ***Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.***

A selection board is scheduled for **Tuesday 08 APR 2025** at the EAA Hangar. Applicants will be notified via the email address provided in the application packet of their assigned interview time on **Monday 07 APR, 2025**. You must appear for an interview in order to be considered for this scholarship.

Completed application packets are to be submitted to eaascholarship@wreford.net

Application Packet must include:

- 1) Application Form
- 2) Copy of FAA Student Pilot Certificate or submitted application for Certificate
- 3) Copy of FAA 3rd Class Medical or confirmation of a doctor's appointment prior to **30 APR 2025** with an FAA Designated Medical Examiner for the exam
- 4) Above referenced Essay.
- 5) Signed Student / Parental commitment form
- 6) Copy of most recent report card or letter from school with your current GPA.
- 7) Letter of Recommendation-other than a Parent

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, complete a packet as indicated above and submit it to the email address listed above.

If you have questions, you may email me at eaascholarship@wreford.net

Regards,

Jeff Wreyford

EAA 863 Scholarship Coordinator

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if I don't have my 3rd Class Medical Certificate yet?

A: You must be able to pass a 3rd Class Medical in order to receive the scholarship. If you do not currently have a 3rd Class Medical Certificate, you must show proof that you have an appointment scheduled with an FAA designated Medical Examiner before **30 APR 2025** in order to apply for the scholarship. Note that you must PASS the medical exam BEFORE you can be awarded this scholarship. If you are selected to receive this scholarship and have not received your Medical by **31 MAY 2025**, you will forfeit the scholarship and it will be awarded to someone else.

Q: How do I obtain my Student Pilot Certificate?

A: To apply for your Student Pilot Certificate, you may apply through the online FAA portal, fill out a paper application, or the *recommended method*, contact a certified flight instructor (CFI) and work them to get the application submitted.

Trish Yates, one of our members who is a CFI, has volunteered to help applicants get their paperwork completed for the student pilot certificate. She can be contacted via phone at 615.813.9785 or by email at tyates_home@yahoo.com. According to the FAA Web site, it takes approximately three weeks to get your certificate if you use the online system. You MUST have this certificate before you can be awarded this scholarship. If you are selected to receive this scholarship and have not received your Student Pilot Certificate by **31 MAY 2025**, you will forfeit the scholarship and it will be awarded to someone else.

Q: Will having prior flight instruction detrimentally affect my consideration for this scholarship?

A: No!! It does, however, let the review board know how dedicated you are to achieving your license.

Q: How do I access the Sporty's Online Learn to Fly Course?

A: When a young eagle takes their first discovery flight, they receive a logbook from EAA. Using the Code on that logbook, you create your student account on the EAA website. Once you create that Student Account, Sporty's will contact you with your ID and password to the Learn to Fly Course.

Q: How often do I need to fly?

A: As a recipient of this scholarship, you are making a commitment to fly at least twice a week, preferably three times a week unless weather, or aircraft availability prevent it. Students who fly less than twice a week spend an inordinate amount of time "re-learning" a portion of the last lesson. Each time there is a gap in training which results in unnecessary expense and wasted scholarship funds.

Q: What if I exhaust the scholarship funds and I have not completed my training?

A: Attached to this FAQ you will find an estimated expenses list showing all the expenses involved in achieving your Pilot's License. You will note that this list can vary plus or minus \$3,000 according to how well you progress in your training. That said, the estimated cost for a Private Pilot's rating is almost \$18,000, which is \$6,000 more than the value of the scholarship. As a recipient of this scholarship the student, with their parents support, are making a commitment to providing any funding required beyond the \$12,000, provided by the scholarship, to complete the attainment of a Private Pilot Rating.

Expenses	Quantity	Amount
Airplane Rental (172 wet) \$139/hour	60 hours	\$8,340.00
Flight Instruction \$55/hour	30 Hours	\$1,650.00
Ground Instruction for Solo Test, Cross Country Flight Planning and Oral Checkride Prep \$55/Hour	10 hours	\$550.00
Headset	1 each	\$250.00
Knowledge Exam	1 each	\$175.00
Ground School (online) if purchased	1 each	\$150.00
E6B	1 each	\$12.00
Plotter	1 each	\$8.00
Books :Pilots Handbook Of Aeronautical Knowledge, Airplane Flying Handbook, Oral Test Prep Guide, Airmen Certification Standards, Gleim Knowledge Test Study Book, FAR/AIM, Logbook,	1 of each Book	\$140.00
FAA Charts	2 Charts	\$22.00
Examiner Fee	1 each	\$600.00
Approximate Total		\$11,897.00
Pricing is estimated and approximate only.		
The assumption is that the student can fly 2-3 sessions per week.		
Costs can vary +/- \$3000 depending on circumstances		

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthday (MM/DD/YY): _____

EAA Membership #: _____

Are you a member of the EAA #863 Youth Aviation Group? YES _____ NO _____

What is the date you plan to begin your training? _____

** Scholarship Selection will be announced at the monthly EAA Meeting on Thursday, 10 APR 2025.

Where do you plan to take flight Instruction? _____

How do you plan to stay engaged with the Chapter and fulfil your required 2 hours of chapter service per month?

FAA Certification Desired: Private: _____ Sport: _____ Glider: _____

Have you obtained your 3rd Class FAA Medical Certificate? YES: _____ NO: _____ If NO, what is the date of your Exam? _____

Have you obtained your Student Pilot's Certificate? YES: _____ NO: _____

Are you registered and currently using Sport's Online Learn to Fly Course? YES: _____ NO: _____ If YES, what is your course completion percentage? _____

Are you already taking flight Lessons? YES: _____ NO: _____

If YES, how many hours of instruction have you received? _____

Have you received other flight training awards from other organizations such as another EAA Chapter or Civil Air Patrol?

YES: _____ NO: _____

Please provide the email address of the person writing your recommendation letter:

Do you have a financial contingency plan to complete your training should you exhaust the scholarship funds prior to obtaining your license? YES: _____ NO: _____

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Statement of Commitment

Student's Commitment

I understand the Lebanon EAA Chapter and the Ray Foundation will be making a substantial financial investment in me if I am awarded this scholarship.

Should I be selected to receive the 2025 EAA #863 Ray Aviation Flight Scholarship, I commit to the following requirements:

- 1) I commit to achieving my SOLO rating with **three months** of my official start date.
- 2) I commit to passing my FAA Private Written Exam with **six months** of my official start date.
- 3) I commit to passing my FAA Private Pilot Check ride within **twelve months** of my official start date.
- 4) I commit to flying a minimum of **twice a week** unless weather or aircraft availability prevent it.
- 5) I commit to volunteering a minimum of **two hours per month** at EAA #863 for the duration of my training.
- 6) I commit to forwarding a picture of my logbook AND a copy of the training invoice to eaascholarships@wreyford.net after **EACH AND EVERY FLIGHT**.
- 7) I commit to spending a minimum of **three hours per week** studying for my written exam using the Sporty's online "Learn to Fly" curriculum.
- 8) I commit to spending a minimum of **three hours per week** after I have passed my written exam studying the following books for my FAA check ride:
 - a. Pilots Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge
 - b. Airplane Flying Handbook
 - c. Oral Test Prep Guide
 - d. Airmen Certification Standards
 - e. Gliem Knowledge Test Study Book
 - f. FAR/AIM
- 9) I commit to completing my FAA Private Pilot Rating using other funding if I exhaust my scholarship funds prior to completing my rating within the original 12 months from my official start date.
- 10) I commit to experiencing the ultimate joy of flying....

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Parental Commitment

I approve of our child's pursuit of an FAA Private Pilot Rating and will commit to support and encourage our child in the following manner:

- 1) Commit to monitor my child's progress and give him/her encouragement.
- 2) Commit to assist my child in creating a calendar of events to include all responsibilities and commitments required to attain a Private Pilot Rating within the one-year time limit.
- 3) Commit to meeting with my child's flight instructor and EAA assigned mentor on a monthly basis to monitor progress.
- 4) Commit to discussing progress with my child on a frequent basis and will assist in addressing any issues or challenges he/she is having.
- 5) Commit to help our child in any way to obtain his/her FAA Private Pilot Rating within the one year time frame and will provide the necessary funding for all remaining financial requirements once the \$12,000 scholarship fund has been exhausted.

Parent(s) Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____