



EAA Chapter 864  
St. Louis Regional Airport  
East Alton, Illinois



**EAA Chapter 864  
2025 Ray Aviation Scholarship Application**

Congratulations on your decision to apply for the EAA Ray Foundation flight training scholarship! The funding for the scholarship comes from the Ray Foundation and is managed by EAA Headquarters and administered by this Chapter.

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 extremely rewarding and will, in many ways, change your life.

If awarded a scholarship, EAA National will provide funds to EAA Chapter 864 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. A very important milestone is the successful completion of the Private Pilot written exam. Applicants are encouraged to prepare for and take this exam as soon as possible.

This is a Competitive Scholarship offered through local EAA Chapters up to the amount of \$12,000 for Private Pilot covering much or all the costs associated with getting a Private Pilot License. The selection process is as follows:

- Scholarship Applications Due to EAA 864
- EAA 864 Scholarship Committee reviews and interviews candidates                      TBD
- Selected applicant submits application to EAA National
- EAA National selection and approval of scholarship candidate
- Candidate begins flight training

Please **THOROUGHLY** review the information at <https://www.eaa.org/rayscholarship>. Make sure you read the sections on **Scholar Eligibility and Requirements** and **Ray Scholar Resources**.

**Ray Aviation Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:**

- Age 16-19 for powered flight training (15-19 for glider pilot license) \*
- Possession of a student pilot certificate
- Possession of FAA medical certificate (Private Pilot- Airplane students) (Glider Pilot students\* need no medical but must not have medical conditions preventing safe completion of flight; Light Sport students must have FAA medical certificate or Driver's license- some restrictions apply) (SEE 14 CFR § 61.23 Medical certificates:)
- Be able to begin their flight training within 60 days of receiving the award ·

- Commit to two hours (or more) of Chapter activities per month, such as:
  - Volunteer at Young Eagles rallies
  - Volunteer at Chapter pancake breakfast / fly-Ins
    - Chapter build project support
    - Chapter gathering participation.
    - Chapter social media and website maintenance
    - Chapter newsletter articles
- Submit monthly progress reports.
- Commit to reaching designated flight training milestones, as outlined by EAA's training timeline.

If selected by Chapter 864 you will be directed on how to submit your application to EAA National. At that time you will be asked to submit the following items:

- EAA number (if applicable)
- Date the applicant plans to begin training (must be within 60 days of receiving the award).
- How the scholar plans to stay engaged with the chapter and fulfill volunteer service hours.
- Certification desired (Private, Sport or Glider)
- Copy of FAA medical certificate (private pilot applicants only) required
- Copy of student pilot certificate required
- Information regarding the flight training location the applicant will use if accepted (name, type of aircraft, website, etc.)
- Where the applicant plans to complete ground school or a copy of their written exam score.
- Contingency plan should training cost more than the amount of money awarded.
- Copy of most recent page in logbook (If applicable).
- Total amount of other flight training awards received from other groups (chapter, Civil Air Patrol, etc.)
- Email of individual who will be writing the applicant's letter of recommendation (teacher, CFI, or chapter member)
- In the applicant's own words, a 150-250 word explanation of why they should be selected for this award.

**\* NOTE: EAA CHAPTER 864 DOES NOT CURRENTLY PLAN TO NOMINATE APPLICANTS FOR A LIGHT SPORT OR GLIDER PILOT CERTIFICATE SCHOLARSHIP IN 2025.**

Questions? Contact EAA Chapter 864 Scholarship Coordinator: [EAA864Scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:EAA864Scholarships@gmail.com)