

Women in Aviation Cleveland CommuteAir Aviation Scholarship Program

Two (2) \$1,000 Scholarships Available
Application Deadline: November 1, 2026

Program Overview

Women in Aviation Cleveland is proud to offer two (2) \$1,000 aviation scholarships, generously sponsored by CommuteAir, to assist aspiring aviation professionals in pursuing their educational and career goals.

These scholarships are open to all genders who support the advancement of women in aviation and are committed to pursuing a career in the aviation industry.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized during the Women in Aviation Cleveland Santa Fly-In Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at the Discover Aviation Center, Lorain County Regional Airport.

Eligibility Requirements

- Current member of Women in Aviation Cleveland.
- Currently enrolled in high school, an accredited college or university, trade school, technical training program, or an FAA-approved Part 61 or Part 141 flight school.
- Ohio resident or currently enrolled in an Ohio educational or aviation training program.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Be pursuing an aviation-related education or career.
- Plan to use the scholarship within one year of receiving the award.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to an FAA-approved flight school or accredited U.S. educational institution and may only be used for tuition, flight training, testing fees, or approved educational expenses.

Eligible Aviation Programs

- Private Pilot Certificate
- Instrument Rating
- Commercial Pilot Certificate
- Multi-Engine Rating

- Certified Flight Instructor (CFI)
- Aircraft Dispatcher Training
- Air Traffic Control
- Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drone)
- Aviation Ground School
- Aerospace / Aeronautical Engineering
- Airport / Aviation Management
- Other approved aviation-related educational programs

Selection Criteria

- Passion for aviation
- Academic achievement
- Leadership
- Volunteer service
- Work experience (especially aviation related)
- Financial need
- Aviation involvement
- Career goals
- Commitment to giving back to the aviation community

Application Requirements

1. Personal Essay (750–1,000 words)

- A personal introduction
- What inspired your interest in aviation
- Your aviation experience
- Your long-term aviation career goals
- How this scholarship will help you achieve those goals
- How you plan to give back to the aviation community and inspire future generations

2. Resume

- Employment history
- Aviation experience
- Volunteer service
- Leadership positions
- Awards and achievements
- Extracurricular activities

3. Letter of Recommendation

One letter from an instructor, employer, mentor, coach, or educator.

4. Academic Information

- Current school or training program
- Current grade level or year
- Unofficial transcript showing a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Proof of current enrollment (if applicable)

5. Aviation Documents (if applicable)

- FAA Certificates
- Ratings earned
- Medical Certificate
- Written Exam Results
- Logbook Summary

Bonus Consideration

- Community involvement
- Volunteer service
- Leadership within aviation organizations
- Participation in Women in Aviation International
- Mentorship of others
- Outreach promoting aviation and STEM

Scholarship Presentation

Recipients will be honored during the Women in Aviation Cleveland Santa Fly-In Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at the Discover Aviation Center, Lorain County Regional Airport. Recipients will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, commemorative recognition, photos with CommuteAir representatives, and recognition on Women in Aviation Cleveland and CommuteAir social media platforms.

Important Dates

- Applications Open: Now
- Application Deadline: November 1, 2026
- Recipients Notified: Mid-November 2026
- Scholarships Awarded: December 5, 2026

Questions

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