



2017 Tucson 99s Scholarship Guidelines and Directions

Purpose

The Tucson Chapter is dedicated to helping women in pursuit of aviation achievements. This scholarship is offered annually in the Spring, if Chapter funds permit, as an aid in funding flight training for specified members of the Ninety-Nines. An individual scholarship will be one of two types: Basic or Advanced. The Basic scholarship is to aid in funding an initial certificate, specifically either a Private with Airplane category and Single Engine Land (SEL) class or Sport with Airplane category. The Advanced scholarship is to aid in funding: an Instrument rating, a Multi-engine Land (MEL) rating, a Commercial certificate, or a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) certificate. Check the Chapter website to learn which scholarship and what amount is offered for the current year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be current Ninety-Nine members, for at least 3 months prior to award, of an Arizona chapter or of another chapter, but residing in Arizona. Applicant shall have a current airman certificate and medical appropriate to the certificate/rating goal, and must be actively training.

For Basic, applicant must be 18 years of age and must have completed the required long cross-country (FAR 61.109 or 61.313, as applicable). Previous awardees of the Basic scholarship, as described herein, are not eligible, but may apply for Advanced.

For Advanced, applicant must be 21 years of age, and must demonstrate that they are actively engaged in training for their desired certificate/rating, and not merely seeking funds for building the flight hours required to achieve that goal. If an applicant has previously been awarded an Advanced scholarship, they are not eligible to apply for the same certificate/rating, but may apply for a different one.

No person who has received two Tucson Chapter scholarships is eligible to apply again.

Selection Process

After review of application materials, which must be received by 1 May, the recipient will be selected by the judgment of the Chapter Scholarship Committee, and endorsed by the Chapter Chair, based on the following criteria: eligibility, maturity, accuracy and completeness of application, demonstration of an explicit plan to accomplish the goal, demonstration of past progress in achieving goals, good progression of current training activities, commitment to aviation, and some degree of financial need. The committee is not required to select an awardee, if no applicants are deemed acceptable. The Scholarship recipient will be selected by 31 May, and ceremonially awarded at a June chapter event.

Application Directions

Contact Chris Bentley, Scholarship Committee Chairman, using contact information in the Ninety-Nines directory, before applying, to have any questions answered and to make the committee aware of your pending application. Complete the application form and other required information listed below, and submit by one of two methods: electronic (preferred), or paper. **All materials must be complete and legible!** For electronic submission, email the completed application package to: tus99schol@gmail.com. For paper submission, mail/ship the original and two copies of the completed application package to Chris Bentley, Scholarship Chairman, at the mailing address in the Ninety-Nines online directory (or call Chris for residential address if needed). Submit the following required information:

1. The completed application
2. Copies of current airman certificate(s) (front and back) and required current medical, or drivers license for applicants for Basic Sport
3. Evidence of passing the written exam for desired goal, if applicable
4. Logbook entries (all) for the last 6 months. Basic applicants: include and indicate the entries documenting your first solo sign off and your completion of the required long cross country (ref. FAR 61.109 or 61.313, as applicable). Advanced applicants: include and indicate the entry documenting your last Flight Review
5. Personal essay (no more than one page) addressing: applicant's flight interests and goals, planned schedule for achieving the specific scholarship objective, method of funding aviation activities, Ninety-Nines activities in which applicant participates, and other information the applicant deems helpful to the Scholarship Committee in making its decision
6. Letter(s) of recommendation from (1) a current Ninety-Nine member and (2) your CFI.
7. **Email or mail/ship before deadline**—to be **received** no later than 1 May

The Scholarship Chairman will notify the candidate of acceptance or denial of the scholarship by 31 May.

Award and Terms

Several methods of receiving scholarship funds are acceptable, as agreed between the awardee and the Scholarship Committee. One method is for the awardee to self-fund the training, and to then provide the committee with flight school and/or independent flight instructor receipts for aircraft and flight instructor time, copies of logbook entries, or proof that the certificate/rating was achieved, during the period in which the scholarship must be used (i.e., prior to 30 June of the year following the award). The awardee would then be provided the scholarship funds directly from the Chapter Treasurer after validation of accuracy by the Scholarship Committee.

Another method is for the flight school or independent flight instructor to provide the training and request reimbursement from the committee, providing receipts showing hours flown and cost, signed by the awardee and instructor. The committee would then validate the accuracy, and the school/instructor would be reimbursed up to the scholarship value, for training received during the period in which the scholarship must be used.

Exceptions to payment terms: If an awardee is found to have falsified any information on their application, the payment of the scholarship may be forfeited, at the discretion of the committee after being made aware of the facts. Also, if the awardee does not complete the training by 30 June of the year following the award, and/or does not submit the prescribed evidence in a timely manner (and no later than 15 July of the year following the award), the unused portion of the award will normally be forfeited and the amount will revert to the Chapter treasury and may not be re-claimed by the awardee.