



National Aviation Explorer Scholarships

Guide and Application

National Aviation Exploring Committee awards General Aviation scholarships to recognize excellence among Aviation Explorers studying the technologies and the skills needed in the field of aviation. The sponsors that provide the scholarships are committed to aviation's future leadership. Applicant's description of their personal record should show that they can successfully complete the aviation career educational activity for which they are requesting the scholarship. Also their personal record should show their involvement in life skills, citizenship, leadership, and character education experiences that add to the quality of life.

Deadlines:

Aviation Explorer applications are due in the local council office for approval by March 31st of each year.

Council approved aviation Explorer applications are due in the National LFL Office by May 1st of each year.

Scholarships will be awarded each year by July 1st.



National Office
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75105-2079
B: 972-580-2433

Background

The National Aviation Exploring Committee awards annually multiple sponsored scholarships to encourage Aviation Explorers to enter and complete an aviation curriculum. National Committee Members know that aviation offers a variety of exciting, well-paying careers, and that qualified and motivated aviation Explorers should be given encouragement and assistance in choosing a career in aviation. Through the years, the National Aviation Exploring Committee has been a loyal and generous supporter of projects designed to promote aviation to the general public and especially to the young. This long standing dedication to the aviation community continues with the National Aviation Explorer Scholarship Program.

Qualifications

1. Currently registered and active in an aviation Explorer post
2. Parent or guardian approval if under 18 years of age
3. Three letters of recommendation (i.e. aviation post Advisor, aviation professional, teacher, employer, community leader, etc.)
4. 500 word educational plan showing how you are going to finance your goal for a career in aviation.

How to Apply

An aviation Explorer can apply for multiple sponsored National Aviation Explorer Scholarships by submitting one standard application to the local council Learning for Life office for approval. Scholarships ranging between \$3,000 and \$10,000 will be presented annually. Student recipients for aviation Explorer scholarships will be selected by members of the National Aviation Exploring Committee. Winners will be notified by mail July 1st. Since applications are not carried over, any previous application can be updated and resubmitted through the local council Learning for Life office.

For Application

See www.aviationexploring.org (Scroll down and click on National Aviation Explorer Scholarships Guide and Application)

Local Council Office Deadline: March 31st of each year.

Turn in standard application to your local council office with letters of recommendation by March 31.

To locate your local council office: Go to www.aviationexploring.org and click on the side bar button titled Local Office. Enter your zip code click Search for address and phone number of local council Learning for Life office.

National Office Deadline: May 1st of each year.

Local council office sends applications by May 1 to Aviation Explorer Scholarships, Learning for Life, National Office S210, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-2079

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SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS:

- *Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association*
- *Cessna Foundation*
- *Frasca International, Inc.*
- *Garmin*
- *Sporty's Pilot Shop*

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- *Aircraft Electronics Association*
- *Aircraft Spruce & Specialty, Irwin International, Inc.*
- *Air Line Pilots Association, International*
- *Phil Boyer*
- *Cessna Pilots' Association*
- *David Clark Company, Inc.*
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- *Eclipse Aviation*
- *Experimental Aircraft Association*
- *John and Kris Frank*
- *Steve Fushelberger*
- *General Aviation Manufacturers' Association*
- *Neil Glazer, Pilotmall.com*
- *Russ Meyer, Jr., Cessna Aircraft Co.*
- *Mike Pearce, Captain American Airlines*
- *Hal Shevers, Sporty's Pilot Shop*
- *Trade-A-Plane Publishing Company*
- *Roger Whyte, Cessna Aircraft Co.*
- *Women in Aviation International*

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STANDARD APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Father's name _____ Day Telephone (_____) _____

Mother's name _____ Day Telephone (_____) _____

Parent Signature if nominee is under 18 years of age: _____

Post Advisor Information

Date _____

Post No. _____ Post Sponsor _____

Post Advisor's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Telephone (_____) _____ Work Telephone (_____) _____

Home E-mail: _____ Work E-mail: _____

For Council Office Use

Submitted to Local Council No. _____ Headquarters City: _____

Council Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Title _____

DEADLINES:

Explorer application is due the Local Council for approval by March 31 of each year.
Council approved Explorer applications are due National Learning for Life Office by May 1 of each year (National Office S210, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015-20790 or Fax to 972-580-2137 and then mail originals).



TYPE of SCHOLARSHIPS and CRITERIA

The National Aviation Exploring Committee awards individual scholarships between \$3,000 and \$10,000 annually to aviation Explorers pursuing a career in the aviation industry. The intent of these scholarships is to identify and reward those individuals who best exemplify the qualities that lead to success in the aviation industry.

You may apply for as many types of scholarships as you wish. However, you are only eligible to receive one scholarship per academic year. Please read the scholarship criteria carefully to be sure you are eligible. Candidates are judged on their documentation of leadership involvement, aviation accomplishments, and recognition of achievement as well as the strength of their essay stating their educational plan for a career in aviation.

Check the box for the type of scholarship(s) you are applying for.

_____ **Degree Leading to an Aviation Profession** (Scholarship value \$10,000)

Awarded to an Aviation Explorer accepted or attending an accredited college or university in pursuit of a degree leading to an aviation profession. Provide a copy of your high school or college transcript.

_____ **Avionics** (Scholarship value \$3,000)

Awarded to an Aviation Explorer high school seniors or college students who plan to or are attending an accredited school in an avionics repair program.

_____ **Pilot** (Pilot Certificate) (Scholarship value \$3,000)

Awarded to an Aviation Explorer pursuing their recreational or private pilot certificate (any type aircraft) and are not restricted to those pursuing a career in aviation. Flight training must be completed within one year. Candidates are judged on the strength of their essay stating their plan for a career in aviation, evidence of satisfactory initial flight training, and performance history in education and/or work, volunteerism, financial need.

_____ **Maintenance** (Scholarship value \$3,000)

Awarded to an Aviation Explorer high school seniors or college students who plan to or are attending an accredited school in an aircraft repair program.

_____ **Management** (Scholarship value \$3,000)

Awarded to an Aviation Explorer student in an aviation management program (to include design, engineering, airport management, etc.) at an accredited college or university.

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL RECORD (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

1. **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES EXPERIENCE**. Describe your aviation career goals to include how that you can successfully complete the aviation career educational activity for which you are requesting the scholarship.

2. **LIFE SKILLS EXPERIENCE**. Describe your accomplishments/involvement with aviation to include activities that provided positive social interaction.

3. **CITIZENSHIP EXPERIENCE**. List all organizations that you were a member of during high school and college that involved them in service that adds to the quality of life. Indicate with an asterisk [*] those in which you are now active.

4. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE. List all leadership positions that you have held during high school and college. Indicate with an asterisk [*] those positions now held.

5. CHARACTER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE. List important achievements, awards, or recognitions that you have received; the organizations that presented them; and the year received.

6. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Provide any additional information that you feel important such as work experience, personal hardships, what you have learned from volunteer experiences, unusual financial circumstances, etc.

EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Submit a 500 word educational plan showing how you are going to finance your goal for a career in aviation.