

Salinas Pilots Association Aviation Scholarship

Purpose

The Salinas Pilots Association (hereinafter “SPA”) is offering one \$2,000 scholarship to a local individual for general aviation purposes. This scholarship is to be used for advancement in aviation such as earning a private pilot license, an advanced rating, or obtaining training in aircraft maintenance. Other related aviation training will be considered.

Eligibility

The applicant must live in Monterey County and be at least 16 years old or older.

If the applicant is applying for the scholarship for flying purposes, the applicant must have a student pilot license and be eligible for a medical certificate.

If the applicant is applying for aircraft maintenance training or other aviation related career advancement, proof of enrollment in an FAA approved school is required.

If the applicant is applying for advanced ratings, a current flight review is required.

In accordance with FAA requirements, applicants must read, speak, and understand English.

Applications must be submitted by deadline of June 15 of the current year. The winner will be announced by July 15.

Application Guidelines

Please submit the below listed documents to Scholarship Committee at scholarship@salinaspilots.org or by mail to 80 Mortensen Avenue, Salinas, CA 93905:

1. Application (using the attached form)
2. A personal essay, not less than 500 words, must be included that addresses the following topics:
 - a. Personal interests, general goals, career goals, and aviation goals.
 - b. Please also include any special qualifications you may have to pursue these goals.
 - c. What was your first interest in aviation?
 - d. What are some aviation activities you’ve participated in (including employment)?
 - e. How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?
 - f. Any obstacles you need to overcome?
 - g. How do you hope to contribute to Salinas Pilots Association and the aviation community in general?
3. Two letters of recommendation: At least one of the letters must be from a person knowledgeable about your interest and accomplishments in aviation.

TERMS:

1. If the recipient does not use the scholarship within one year of the award date, the recipient's status will be reviewed. Special circumstances will be considered.
2. The scholarships will be paid directly to the flight school, aviation training center, or independent flight instructor conducting the training. Receipts showing hours flown, or work study hours performed and signed by both student and instructor must be submitted before funds are awarded.
3. Recipients who successfully complete their ratings and/or training are encouraged to write an article or give a presentation about their experience.
4. Recipient's responsibility:
 - a. Partake in at least two monthly association meetings during the year of the award
 - b. Submit monthly progress reports signed off by a Certified Flight Instructor or other instructor.
 - c. Volunteer for one aviation related event such as:
 - Airshow participation
 - Fundraising
 - Young Eagles
 - Airport Activity

JUDGING:

The judging committee will consist of three members of the Salinas Pilots Association.

The application form is available at www.salinaspilots.org.

SALINAS PILOTS ASSOCIATION AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out all items in full. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Written Tests Passed: _____ Date: _____

Ratings, if any: _____

Airman Certificate Number, if any: _____

Medical class/Expiration date, if any: _____

Date of most recent flight review, if any: _____

Total flight time: _____ PIC: _____

Other aviation related training, if any: _____

Education level achieved: _____

Rating(s)/Certificate(s) sought: _____

ATTACH PERSONAL ESSAY AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (see guidelines).

Neither the Salinas Pilots Association nor their members, agents, or representatives are responsible for the quality of training received with this scholarship, nor any accident, incident or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training, maintenance training or activities related thereto and recipient agrees to sign a hold-harmless agreement in favor of said entities upon receipt of the scholarship and before training of any nature is received. I hereby release Salinas Pilots Association and any of its affiliated organizations from all actions, claims or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributes, guardians and legal representatives I now have, or may hereinafter have, for injury or damage resulting from my participation in any activities related to this scholarship.

I agree to abide by the terms and conditions specified on this application. I declare under penalty or perjury that the information I have given here is true and correct and that I meet the eligibility requirements for the scholarship sought.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Deadline is June 15 of the current year.