

Ray Scholarship Call for Applicants



EAA Chapter 663 has been approved to submit a Ray Aviation Scholarship for 2023! This scholarship provides \$11,000 toward flight training. We are seeking people between the ages of 16-19 who are committed to completing their private pilot certification this year.

The scholarship eligibility requirements are listed below along with the documentation requested from all applicants. Our timeline is:

Scholarship Timeline for EAA Chapter 663

- 4/15/23 – Scholarship applications due to EAA 663 Scholarship coordinator - scholarship@eaa663.org
- 4/20/23 – Chapter 663 Board review and selection of scholarship candidate
- 4/30/23 – Selected applicant submits application to EAA
- 5/1-15/23 – EAA selection and approval of scholarship candidate
- 6/1/23 – Candidate begins flight training

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Local candidates must meet the following criteria:

- a. Minimum of age 15 for glider training
- b. Age 16-19 for powered flight training
- c. Possession of a student pilot certificate
- d. Possession of FAA medical certificate (private pilot students)
- e. Be able to begin their flight training within 60 days of receiving the award

Additional consideration will be given to candidates who are former Young Eagles, EAA student members, and actively participating in the EAA Flight Plan, specifically the Sporty's Learn to Fly Course.

Candidates must partake in two hours of chapter volunteer service per month, such as:

- Young Eagles rally volunteering
- Volunteer at fly-ins
- Chapter build project support
- Chapter gathering participation
- Chapter social media and website maintenance

- Submit regular progress reports during monthly check-ins
- Reach designated flight training milestones, as outlined by EAA's training timeline

Application Documentation Submission

Please provide the following information:

- EAA number (if applicable).
- Date the applicant plans to begin training (must be within 60 days of receiving award).
- How the scholar plans to stay engaged with the chapter and fulfill volunteer service hours.
- Certification desired (glider, sport, or private).
- Copy of FAA medical (private pilot applicants only).
- Copy of student pilot certificate.
- 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 FAA 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 (EAA 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 200-250 word explanation on why they should be selected for this award. Describe any extra activities your involved in that would support your consideration for this scholarship (Young Eagles, Sporty's Learn to Fly, etc.)