



Ninety-Nines

## New England Section



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## SEAPLANE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Katahdin Wings Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is excited to announce that the **ALF Girls Seaplane Scholarship** applications for 2025 are now being accepted. The ALF Girls Scholarships honor Alice Forbes and are sponsored by her husband, Jim Forbes, in her memory. Up to six members of the New England Section of the Ninety-Nines will be selected to receive a full seaplane rating with DPE fees included. AOPA will be doing some videos of women getting their ratings to encourage others to get their ratings, too. The **application deadline is April 30th, 2025**. Previous applicants are encouraged to reapply.

Announcement of the winners will be mid-May. All training will take place in Maine. The application is attached. Good luck!

The “ALF GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP” is established in loving memory of my late wife, Alice Lawrence Forbes.



Alice was born in Dundalk, Maryland, on March 31, 1944. Her father, William Knight Lawrence, was a civil engineer working on World War II related projects. The family moved to Monkton, Maryland, when Alice was five years old. She graduated from high school in Hereford, Maryland, a small village near Monkton. After earning a degree in psychology from Centre College in Kentucky, she returned to Monkton. We met when she was a Research Assistant for a psychiatric research firm based at Spring Grove State Hospital (for the mentally ill) in Catonsville, Maryland. At the time, we were working for the same company. I soon left my position there and established The Forbes Group. Alice joined me there as a fulltime employee.



**We had our first date flying a Piper Super Cruiser. She loved it so much that we soon bought an airplane together. We were married on December 31, 1968. Thus began our 56-year life together. We have owned 12 airplanes -- which were used for business as well as for pleasure. Three remain: a 1946 Aeronca Chief, a Piper PA12 Super Cruiser on Wipline 2100A amphibious floats, and a 1981 Cessna 180K. Although not a licensed pilot, Alice was my flying companion and copilot for over 4,000 hours.**



In June 2014 while we were attending the “Sentimental Journey” fly-in at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, Alice was bitten by an insect while sitting under the wing of our Cessna 180. Thirty hours later, she was disabled. That event evolved into bacterial encephalitis -- which caused severe brain damage. She died eight years later on October 28, 2022.

Over the years, Alice contributed to a number of women’s organizations- including the Katahdin Wings of the Ninety-Nines.

The “ALF GIRLS” project is established to honor Alice’s passion for aviation and to continue her support of women who share that passion.

Jim Forbes

### **GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Membership.** An ALF scholarship applicant must have been a member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. continuously for three months as of the application deadline and a member of The Ninety Nines for three months.
2. **Aviation career plans.** Applicant must have a specific and realistic goal for advancement in aviation or aerospace and preference will be given to applicants who wish to pursue a professional career in aviation.
3. **Medical Certificate.** Applicant must submit a copy of a current FAA Medical Certificate or meet the requirements of the FAA Basic Medical (Basic Med) certificate. The medical certificate’s date of issue must still be valid on the deadline of the application.
4. **Private Pilot Certificate.** Applicant must submit a copy of a Private Pilot Certificate (license).
5. **Training supervised by Charles Surprenant, CFII-ASEL, ASES, AGI, IGI.** All seaplane training will be supervised by Central Maine Aviation in Pittsfield, Maine, and all training must be given or arranged through Charles Surprenant. All training must be completed in 2025. Central Maine Aviation will bill training costs directly to the Katahdin Wings not to exceed \$3,000.00 per scholarship. This award of \$3,000.00 includes the DPE fees will be provided in check form to the DPE by the pilot at the check ride. A request for the fee must be made 14 days prior to the check ride to the Katahdin Wings treasurer.
6. **Applicant must have logged a minimum of twenty-five hours in the twelve months immediately preceding the applicant’s submission deadline.** The flight time may be PIC, SIC or dual instruction.

**Submit the logbook pages (left and right side equal one full page) showing the most recent 12 months.**

- 7. Each applicant is responsible for lodging and transportation for flight training. All training MUST be completed by September of 2025.**
- 8. Reasons for Disqualification.**
  - Application received after deadline**
  - Failure to meet membership requirements**
  - Failure to meet flight time requirements**
  - Failure to provide required documents**
  - Inaccurate or fraudulent information provided**

*The Katahdin Wings, The Ninety-Nines and Jim Forbes, donor, assume no responsibility for the successful scholarship candidate's safety or liability for aviation training. Each candidate assumes all liability for flight training and participating in these activities is done at their own risk. The nature of aviation includes inherent risks for participants. All applicants must understand and acknowledge that this activity bears certain known and unanticipated risk which could result in serious bodily injury.*

**Applicant Instructions and Application are here:**

[https://mcusercontent.com/39b97c5a60f6f4ff93b0706bb/files/9818e269-f1bb-adee-dc42-74bffd4dd358/ALF\\_Scholarship\\_Application\\_2025.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/39b97c5a60f6f4ff93b0706bb/files/9818e269-f1bb-adee-dc42-74bffd4dd358/ALF_Scholarship_Application_2025.pdf)