

Eastern New England Chapter of The Ninety-Nines

International Organization of Women Pilots



Scholarship Application Information

Each year the Eastern New England Chapter of the 99s offers several scholarships to perspective pilots and pilots who are pursuing advanced ratings. The scholarships are published in the Fall, usually September, and the application window is usually open from the end of September until December 15th.

Scholarship Requirements

- Must be a resident of one of the six New England states (Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, or Vermont) who is studying anywhere in the US, or a resident of any state who is studying in one of the New England states.
- Candidate must be at least 16 years old and studying in some area of aviation, at a duly accredited school, college flight school, or flight training through an FAA approved flight school or individual flight instructor.
- Must have financial need for the scholarship.
- Must have at least a current 3rd class medical (except for Takeoff Scholarship).
- Candidates must have a high interest and dedication to aviation as a vocation or an avocation.
- Candidates must show academic or professional achievement.
- Involvement in chapter activities in particular and all aviation activities enhances all applications.
- Two letters of recommendation are required from people who know you well. At least one of the letters should address your aviation interests and activities. Quality of recommendations is weighed in the application review process. If your letter of recommendation is dated, ensure it is current within the year of your scholarship application.
- A personal statement describing your aviation-related goals. Include descriptions of all your aviation-related activities, emphasizing those that have meant the most to you. Discuss how you would use the scholarship in achieving your goals.
- A copy of the last 6 months of your log book. Recency of aviation activity is factored into the application review. Those applying for the Takeoff Scholarship need to have a minimum of 4 flight hours in the previous 6 months prior to your application date. That means if you submit an application on 10/1 you need to have a minimum of 4 flight hours in your log book between 4/1 and 10/1. If you apply on 12/14 you need a minimum of 4 flight hours in your log book between 6/14 and 12/14. The 4 flight hour requirement only applies to student pilots applying for the Takeoff Scholarship. The other scholarships do not have minimum flight hour requirements but

recent flight activity is preferred.

While the 2024 Scholarships have not been published, these are the scholarships that were offered in 2023:

- **The ENE 99's Trish Sauve Honorary Scholarship (\$2,000)** honors a long-time member of the ENE Chapter and is awarded to **a woman or a man** who has **at least soloed**.
- **The William Bridge Scholarship (\$2,000)** is funded by Eastern New England Chapter member Ann Bridge Badour in memory of her father, and is awarded to **a woman with at least a private pilot certificate** who is **pursuing an advanced rating**.
- **The Jeanne Ohnemus/Cynthia Hurvitz Scholarship (\$2,000)** is open to **a woman who has soloed**.
- **The ENE 99s Takeoff Scholarships (2 Scholarships of \$1,000 each)** funded by an anonymous donation is open to **a female student pilot** who is at least 16 years of age, with at least 6 hours of flight training in the past 6 months, and has a student pilot certificate or a logbook endorsement from a CFI verifying citizenship.

Applicants are encouraged to prepare applications early and to look at the many scholarship opportunities offered by the Ninety Nines international organization website: <https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm>

Established in 1929, the Ninety-Nines is the oldest international organization of women pilots in the world. In 1931, Amelia Earhart was elected the first President, and the group selected the name "Ninety-Nines" to represent the 99 charter members.