SANTA ROSA NINETY-NINES

Aviation Scholarship Application

Purpose

Each year the Santa Rosa chapter of the Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, awards a scholarship to a local woman pilot. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funds to be used for a specific rating or certificate in flight training and/or continuing education to further the recipient's pursuit of a career in aviation.

Eligibility

- Any woman pilot holding at least a current private license, a current medical, and a current flight review is eligible.
- Applicant should be planning a career in any area of aviation, with flight training or education in mind.
- Applicant must reside within 150 nautical miles of Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa, CA.
- Applicant must be eligible for the rating being applied for (i.e.: number of flight hours required, ratings required, medical required), and have completed written requirements for the rating before scholarship funds are dispersed.
- The applicant must be at least 17 years old.
- The applicant may be a member of the Ninety-Nines, and may be a member of the Santa Rosa Chapter, but it is not required.
- Previous Santa Rosa Ninety-Nine aviation scholarship recipients are not eligible.

Application Guidelines

- The application must be completed in full, using this form. Do not submit your own computer-generated form or change the format.
- Applicant must meet eligibility requirements. Verification of eligibility will be made by the Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines scholarship committee.
- All applications must be postmarked by midnight August 15, 2026..
- The original and 3 copies of the application should be submitted to:

  Alexis Vncent
  Santa Rosa 99s
  560 Oakland Avenue, #C
  Oakland, CA 94611

- A selection committee made up of three members of the local aviation community will review the scholarship applications. Judging criteria will include:
  - Aviation activities as described in a personal essay and by recommendations.
  - Ability to meet planned goals, as shown by recommendations, academic and professional records.
  - Commitment to the field of aviation as described in personal essay and recommendations.
  - Demonstrated financial need.
- The Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines scholarship committee will notify the winning candidate and all the candidates who did not qualify by October 15, 2026

Scholarship Award

- The amount of the scholarship is $5000 and must be used within one year of the date the scholarship is issued.
- The scholarship funds may be applied to academic tuition, to fees for technical schools or to flight training.
- Funds will be paid from receipts, which document the training. Receipts must be signed by both the student and instructor and include copies of the logbook if applicable.
- Scholarship funds should only be applied to one rating or certificate.

Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines

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The applicant is responsible for submitting **the original and three copies** of all parts of the application complete in every respect, by August 15, 2026. If needed, use additional sheets for any items. Please type or print in ink.
Please *do not submit* your own computer-generated form; *do not use* any special folders for binders.

Rating or Certification applied for: _____

(Please be specific. Funds may be used for only one rating or certificate.)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Birth date: _____

Address _____ Phone Number: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email address: _____

Profession: _____

Job Title: _____

(If you have a professional resume, please include it.)

ELIGIBLITY REQUIREMENTS

Airman Certificate Number: _____ Date Issued: _____

Class: _____ Date of last Flight Review: _____

Additional Ratings: _____ Date aquired: _____

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Total Flight Time: _____

Medical Certificate Number: _____ Date Issued: _____

Class: _____

(Must have the medical class required for rating seeking to attain.)

Have you completed the written requirements for the rating being sought? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, date of completion: _____

If no, date of expected completion: _____

List community activities, professional organizations or aviation organizations in which you participate.

Personal Essay

Please submit, along with this application, **the original and three** copies of a personal essay of 500 words or less. These guidelines will assist you in writing your essay:

- Personal background information. What are your personal interests and goals? What are your personal, career, and aviation accomplishments? Include any special qualifications you may have. What future employment do you plan to pursue?
- How do you visualize yourself in the career you are pursuing?
- Aviation career goals. What are your plans in aviation?
- How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?
- How did you become interested in aviation? Describe any aviation-related activities you have participated in, emphasizing those that have meant the most to you.
- How would you contribute to the growth and betterment of the local aviation community?

Budget Statement

On a separate sheet, please estimate your expenses for your planned rating or certification being applied for (tuition, books, flight instruction, simulator time, etc.) This budget statement must be submitted with the approval and signature of a certified flight instructor, a local FBO operator, or an aviation or technical school administrator.

What is your financial need? Please include any special circumstances regarding your financial need. How have you financed your aviation career—personal income, help from family members, other scholarships, loans, etc.?

Also list your expected sources of financing (including anticipated financial aid, other scholarships received, etc.) Please submit **the original and three** copies of your budget statement.

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit two letters of recommendation. These letters should be from a person knowledgeable of your interests and accomplishments in aviation (flight instructor, teacher, mentor, etc.). Please submit **the signed original and three** copies of each letter.

Submission

Submit **the original and three** copies of all parts of this application including your signature on the back page. Please include 4 copies of your ratings, certificates, medical and a copy of your logbook showing your last Flight Review and total time.

Applications must be postmarked by midnight **August 15, 2026** Mail application to:

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Neatness counts, your submission should include 4 complete packages, stapled or clipped together.
This scholarship is very competitive and a professional looking application will definitely improve your chances.

Scholarship Terms

The scholarship funds are to be used within one year of the award date. If the applicant does not obtain the flight rating or level of education sought within 2 years of the award date, arrangements will be made for the pay-back of all scholarship funds to the Santa Rosa Ninety-Nines. Special circumstances will be considered at the time of review.

If there is a written exam required for the flight training being sought, the exam must be successfully completed before the scholarship funds are dispersed.

The recipient will be invited to become a member of the Ninety-Nines and is encouraged to participate in the organization and in the local chapter activities.

Neither the Santa Rosa chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., the Southwest Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., The Ninety-Nines, Inc., nor their members, agents or representatives are responsible for the quality of any 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, education, technical 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 any flight or training is made. I hereby release the Ninety-Nines and any of its affiliated organizations from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in any activities related to this scholarship.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have given is true and correct and that I meet the eligibility requirements for this scholarship, and that I meet the requirements for the rating, schooling or technical training being pursued with this scholarship.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are under 18 years of age:

Name of Parent or legal guardian: _____ Parent's Phone Number: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Checklist

Be sure that the application is completed in full.

Submit the original and three copies of everything required:

- ☐ **The application, including your signature**
- ☐ **Personal essay**
- ☐ **Budget statement - Signed by FBO, CFI, School**
- ☐ **Letters of recommendation- Signed, e-signatures ok**
- ☐ **Copies of all Certificates, Ratings, Flight Review, Log Book (showing total time)**