



Parental Letter of Consent for Scholarship Application

Your son or daughter is interested in a Ray Aviation Scholarship offered thru the Experimental Aircraft Association and EAA Chapter 431

In order to consider their application it is required that you to read and sign this document to be included with their application package. Please review this document with your son or daughter carefully and include the signed copy with their application package. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Scholarship Coordinator.

Please note that completing this form does not guarantee the award of a scholarship under this or any other program.

The Ray Aviation Scholarship has a single goal, which is for every scholarship recipient to meet certain milestones and earn their pilot certificate (private pilot, sport pilot, or glider pilot) within a one year period. Successful completion of this program is important to EAA, the sponsoring chapter, and the foundation that endows this scholarship fund. In the spirit of this overall mission, EAA Chapter 431 would like to make you aware of the following expectations.

Receiving this scholarship carries with it some responsibilities. Most of these responsibilities fall directly upon the scholar, but parental participation is critical to ensure success. A failure of a scholar to successfully earn their pilot certificate, meet any defined milestones of this scholarship, or have their support withdrawn can result in the chapter being ineligible for future scholarships, thus depriving others of the same opportunity afforded to current scholars.

Being aware of the requirements of the program and remaining involved with their training process will build a strong foundation and help ensure they are able to reach their full potential and the chapter can continue to participate in this important program.

Participating in chapter activities is a requirement. The scholarship program requires a minimum of two hours of chapter volunteer activities per month. These volunteer activities will be determined at the chapter level and communicated to the scholar. There is also an expectation the scholar will continue to participate in other chapter activities to the best of their ability throughout the duration of the scholarship period.

Flight training needs to be a priority. The accelerated nature of the training and the dependence on favorable weather conditions makes the training window relatively short. This means devoting as much as 20 or more hours per week to flight lessons, ground study, and travel. The Scholar should plan to schedule 3 or more lessons per week and devote a minimum of 2 hours of self-study ahead of each lesson, and additional study time to prepare for the written test and oral portion of the practical test. Even missing a few lessons may cause training setbacks that could impact the timelines and lead to additional expenses. Please review these expectations with the applicant to ensure that you both have an understanding of, and can commit to, these priorities.

The scholarship has specific milestones and deadlines:

- First Solo Flight Within 90 days
- FAA Written Exam Within 6 months
- Flight Checkride Within 12 months

These deadlines are not flexible and are used as requirements for releasing additional scholarship funding to the chapter. Because of the short training window, flight training may conflict with other extracurricular activities. Accelerated timelines for students in their senior year of high school who are

entering college in the fall can make these milestones difficult to achieve, so focus and motivation are the key to success.

Scholarship disbursement is limited to the award amount. The Ray Aviation Scholarship will only pay flight training expenses up to \$12,000. Neither EAA or Chapter 431 will provide additional money should the scholarship funds be exhausted.

With the rising cost of flight training, even the most ambitious and engaged students could find themselves consuming the entire scholarship before completion of their milestones. Because of this, it is imperative that the scholarship recipient and their parent/guardian have a contingency plan and financial means to pay for any remaining expenses should the scholarship funds be depleted before their certificate is earned. (it is not unlikely that additional expenses could amount to several thousand dollars)

For planning, an estimate of flight training expenses is listed below.

Aircraft Rental	Up to \$175/flight hr
Instructor Time	Up to \$80/hr
Checkride Examiner	Up to \$1,000 for a checkride
Books, supplies, misc.	\$250-\$1,000

These fees should be anticipated in the event the scholar exhausts the scholarship and needs additional funding to complete their training.

Conversely, a very successful scholar who comes to lessons prepared, engages in self-study for ground school, and trains on a regular basis may find themselves with a financial surplus after they have earned their pilot certificate. In those cases, the scholarship allows for up to \$1,500 of surplus finding to be used by the scholar for furtherance of a rating or simply fun flying.

Any surplus funds are paid directly to the flight school, flying club, FBO, or CFI. These funds will not be given directly to the scholar.

Non-reimbursable costs will be incurred before the scholar can apply. In order to be considered for any scholarship opportunity, an applicant must hold a valid FAA medical certificate (Class 1,2 or 3). The medical certificate (\$150-\$300) can be obtained by visiting an Aviation Medical Examiner (AME), and a student pilot certificate can be issued after a visit to a local flight school and working with a flight instructor (\$50-100). Since the scholarship does not allow for retroactive reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the award of a scholarship, such expenses would be the out-of-pocket responsibility of the potential applicant.

Parents are encouraged to speak with a physician knowledgeable in aviation medicine prior to having their child apply for an FAA medical certificate. Certain medical conditions or diagnoses are considered disqualifying under the current Federal Aviation Administration medical certification guidelines. It is important to understand whether your child would encounter any challenges, as a denial of the issuance of a medical certificate could require substantial effort and expense to overcome.

Ongoing communication with the scholarship applicant is necessary.

Throughout the application process, it will be necessary for the Scholarship Coordinator to communicate with an applicant to ask questions, and, in a case where an applicant is awarded a scholarship, throughout the entire scholarship lifecycle. These communications may be done in person, through email, over telephone calls or video conferencing, or using text messaging. As a parent or guardian, you are consenting to allow this communication as part of the process and will help set the expectation that the applicant or scholar is responsive to messages and replies in a timely manner. In addition, a parent or guardian will be required to participate, along with the applicant, in an interview with members of the Scholarship Committee or Chapter leadership as part of the application process. This interview must take place within 10 days following receipt of the completed application package.

Applicants enrolled in a collegiate flight training program should confirm any certificates earned outside the program will be recognized by the flight school they are attending. Collegiate flight training is generally more structured and will have specific requirements not met by most general aviation training programs.

Because of this, some flight schools may not recognize any training received outside their curriculum and require the student to retrain to their standard once they begin to attend the school. If your son or daughter is planning on attending such a school that will not recognize any training outside their curriculum, the Ray Aviation Scholarship may not be the right opportunity for them.

EAA or the Chapter may withdraw support at any time from a scholar who is not progressing or meeting milestones. Continued chapter participation in the program relies upon scholars being successful in meeting the expectations of the scholarship guidelines and milestones. If a scholar is not progressing, either the chapter or EAA may discontinue the scholarship at their discretion.

Confirmation

I have read and understand these expectations as they are written. I acknowledge that I will work with my son or daughter to ensure participation in the program per the guidelines, and that I am in a position to assist financially should the scholarship be exhausted before the milestones are met.

I will be responsible for paying all training expenses not covered by the scholarship, until the Scholar earns their Private Pilot License, and will support the Scholar by staying informed of their progress, assisting with transportation needs, and meeting periodically with the Chapter 431 Scholarship Coordinator, the flight instructor, and others to monitor and support the Scholar.

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(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)

X _____

(Guardian Printed Name)

(Phone Number)

Email address _____@_____

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(Applicant) (Date)

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(Applicant Printed Name) (Phone Number)

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