



## GIRLS ACHIEVING LEADERSHIP IN AVIATION (GALA) SCHOLARSHIPS

### Introduction

The Tampa Bay Aviation Association is excited to announce the opening of applications for the Girls Achieving Leadership in Aviation (GALA) Scholarship. This scholarship is dedicated to supporting young women in the Tampa Bay Area who are passionate about pursuing careers in the aviation industry. Whether you are just beginning your journey or already making strides in your aviation career, we encourage you to apply.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the GALA Scholarship, you must:

- Be between the ages of 16 and 20 at the time of application
- Currently live or have a permanent address in the Tampa Bay Area\*
- Have a keen interest in or currently pursuing a career in aviation

We welcome applications from those interested in the following fields:

- General Aviation Pilot Training
- Professional (Commercial) Pilot Training
- Aerospace Administration
- Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic
- Aerospace Engineering
- Aerospace Educator

Other career fields will be considered, so long as they are principally aviation related. Additionally, student pilots who are currently in-flight training for any certificate are strongly encouraged to apply.

### Scholarship Details

Scholarships of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded. The number of scholarships and the amount awarded will depend on available funding, type of scholarships requested, and the number of qualified applicants.

### Application Process

Applications will be considered that include the following required elements:

- The completed GALA Application Form
- Personal Statement Essay
- Recent hi-resolution class photo or passport photo (in color)
- Official Student Scholastic Record / Report
- List of school accomplishments
- Volunteer Hours / Community Service verification
- Two letters of recommendation from an instructor or employer (Dated within 30 days of application)

If applying for Flight Training Scholarships\*\*, additional information is required. If applicable, please also include:

- Your flight school information (if training has begun)
- Copy of FAA Written Exam Report (REQUIRED)
- FAA Medical Certificate (if applicable)
- Copy of last page of logbook

The application window for the 2025 / 26 Fall / Winter scholarships is October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Our committee will be conducting interviews with eligible candidates during the process and into February. Applicants selected as winners will be notified via email by **March 1, 2026**, and awards will be presented at the **annual GALA fundraiser on Friday, March 13, 2026**—a signature event celebrating aviation excellence and community impact.

We are thrilled to support the next generation of female aviation leaders and look forward to receiving your application. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [galascholarship@tampaairport.com](mailto:galascholarship@tampaairport.com).

\* For the purposes of this scholarship offering, the Tampa Bay Area includes: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Manatee, Polk, Citrus, Highlands, Hardee, and Sarasota Counties

\*\* Please see the 2025 TBAA FTS Policies and Procedures document for full details on flight training scholarship eligibility.



## GALA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

***Submission of this application form does not guarantee receipt of – or amount of – an award.***

The Girls Achieving Leadership in Aviation (GALA) Scholarship is awarded to deserving young women between the ages of 16 and 20 at the time of application who are pursuing, or intend to pursue, careers in aviation. Scholarships of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded. The number of scholarships and the amount awarded will depend on available funding, type of scholarships requested, and the number of qualified applicants.

**PLEASE NOTE - THE QUALITY OF FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THIS APPLICATION IS PART OF THE JUDGED CRITERIA! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

### APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Type or Print Clearly)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION (if under 18)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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### APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Type or Print Clearly)

Name and Address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current/Final GPA Weighted: \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated or Completed Graduation Class: 20\_\_\_\_\_

Activities (include job, church, sports, clubs, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Honors or Awards (include any leadership positions if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community Service / Volunteer Hours (Verified Total): \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOLARSHIP TYPE BEING APPLIED FOR

Please select your course of interest or study (check all that apply):

- ☐ Private and/or Commercial Flight Training\*  
(MUST have completed FAA Written Exam PRIOR to scholarship application)
- ☐ Aerospace Administration  
☐ Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic  
☐ Aerospace Engineering  
☐ Aerospace Educator  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

For Flight Training Scholarships Only\*:

Total Flight Training Hours to date: \_\_\_\_\_

FAA Written Exam Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPLICANT PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

Please prepare a short essay describing yourself and your goals. The following items **must also be included**:

- Academic areas of interest
- Aviation and/or Aerospace-related area(s) of interest
- Personal goals related to aviation
- Career aspirations
- Essay must be typed. No longer than 1 page, double spaced, 12 Point, Times New Roman Font.

### APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Please include the following with your application. Failure to include these required elements may disqualify your application:

- ☐ This completed Application Form
- ☐ Personal Statement Essay (described above)
- ☐ Recent hi-resolution class photo or passport photo (in color)
- ☐ Official Student Scholastic Record / Report
- ☐ List of school accomplishments
- ☐ Volunteer Hours / Community Service verification
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation from an instructor or employer (Dated within 30 days of application)
- ☐ If applying for Flight Training Scholarships, please also include (if you have begun training):
  - ☐ Copy of FAA Written Exam Report (REQUIRED)
  - ☐ FAA Medical Certificate
  - ☐ Copy of last page of logbook
  - ☐ List of any other flight training scholarships received

***All requested information within this application must be provided/completed to be considered for a GALA scholarship.***

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent / Guardian (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Applications, including all required attachments, should be submitted as a single Adobe® PDF file.

Applications may be submitted via **email only** to: [galascholarship@tampaairport.com](mailto:galascholarship@tampaairport.com). Other application methods will not be accepted (Mail, delivery, drop-off, etc.)