



GIRLS ACHIEVING LEADERSHIP IN AVIATION (GALA) 2027 AVIATION CAREER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Overview

The Tampa Bay Aviation Association is accepting applications for the 2027 Girls Achieving Leadership in Aviation (GALA) Scholarship. This application is specifically for aviation career scholarships other than flight training. The program supports young women in the Tampa Bay Area who are pursuing, or intend to pursue, careers in aviation.

Eligibility Criteria

- Be between the ages of 18 and 26 at the time of application.
- Currently live in, or have a permanent address in, the Tampa Bay Area.*
- Have a demonstrated interest in, or be actively pursuing, a career in aviation.

Scholarship Details

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded. The number of scholarships and the amount awarded will depend on available funding, the type of scholarship requested, and the number of qualified applicants.

The application window is September 1, 2026 through January 15, 2027. Applications will be reviewed during the application period and into February. Selected recipients will be notified by email by February 12, 2027. Awards will be presented at the annual GALA fundraiser on Friday, March 12, 2027.

Questions may be directed to tbaa_scholarships@mytbaa.org

Submission of this application does not guarantee receipt of, or the amount of, an award.

PLEASE NOTE: The quality and completeness of the application, including the applicant's ability to follow instructions, are part of the judged criteria. Please read all instructions carefully.

Eligible Areas of Study / Career Training

This application is for non-flight-training aviation scholarships. Eligible fields identified by the GALA program include:

- Aerospace Administration
- Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic
- Aerospace Engineering
- Aerospace Educator
- Other career fields that are principally aviation-related

Do not use this application for Private Pilot, Commercial Pilot, or other flight training scholarship requests. Flight training applicants should complete the separate 2027 GALA Flight Training Scholarship Application.

APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name	
Last Name	
Address	
City / State / ZIP	
Date of Birth	
Age	
Home/Cell Phone	
Email Address	
Emergency Contact	
Application Date	

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION (IF APPLICANT IS UNDER 18)

First Name	
Last Name	
Address	
City / State / ZIP	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
Email Address	

EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Name and Address of High School / College / Training Institution	
Current/Final GPA - Weighted	
Current/Final GPA - Unweighted	
Anticipated or Completed Graduation Year	
Activities (job, church, sports, clubs, etc.)	
Honors, Awards and Leadership Positions	
Verified Community Service / Volunteer Hours	

SCHOLARSHIP AREA BEING APPLIED FOR

Area of Study / Career Path	☐ Aerospace Administration ☐ Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic ☐ Aerospace Engineering ☐ Aerospace Educator ☐ Other principally aviation-related field: _____
School / College / Training Program (if known)	
Program or Major (if known)	
How Scholarship Funds Would Be Used	

APPLICANT PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

Prepare a short essay describing yourself and your goals. Your essay must address all of the following:

- Academic areas of interest
- Aviation and/or aerospace-related areas of interest
- Personal goals related to aviation
- Career aspirations

Format: typed, no longer than one page, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font.

AVIATION CAREER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Include every applicable item below. Missing required elements may disqualify the application.

- ☐ Completed 2027 GALA Aviation Career Scholarship Application
- ☐ Personal Statement Essay
- ☐ Recent high-resolution class photo or passport-style 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, each dated within 30 days of application

CERTIFICATION & SUBMISSION

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

Signature of Applicant	
Signature of Parent / Guardian (if under 18)	
Date	

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

Email submission only: tbaa_scholarships@mytbaa.org

Applications submitted by mail, delivery, drop-off, or any other method will not be accepted.

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