



GIRLS ACHIEVING LEADERSHIP IN AVIATION (GALA) 2027 FLIGHT TRAINING 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 flight training scholarships, including Private Pilot and/or Commercial Pilot 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 16 and 20 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 \$10,000 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.

Flight Training Eligibility & Requirements

Applicants may seek support for Private Pilot and/or Commercial Pilot flight training. Student pilots who are currently in flight training for any certificate are strongly encouraged to apply.

- The FAA Private Pilot written exam must be completed prior to scholarship application.
- A copy of the FAA Written Exam Report is required.
- Applicants who have begun flight training must provide their flight school information and a copy of the last page of their logbook.
- An FAA Medical Certificate must be included if applicable.
- Applicants must disclose any other flight training scholarships received.
- See the 2027 TBAA FTS Policies and Procedures document for full flight training scholarship eligibility requirements.

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	

FLIGHT TRAINING INFORMATION

Training Requested	☐ Private Pilot ☐ Commercial Pilot ☐ Other Certificate/Rating: _____
Flight School Name	
Flight School Address	
Flight School Contact / Phone / Email	
Total Flight Training Hours to Date	
FAA PPL Written Exam Test Score	

FAA PPL Written Exam Date	
FAA Medical Certificate	☐ Attached ☐ Not Applicable
Other Flight Training Scholarships Received	

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.

FLIGHT TRAINING APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

- ☐ Completed 2027 GALA Flight Training 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
- ☐ Copy of FAA Written Exam Report (REQUIRED)
- ☐ Flight school information, if training has begun
- ☐ FAA Medical Certificate, if applicable
- ☐ Copy of last page of logbook, if training has begun
- ☐ List of any other flight training scholarships received

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.

** Please see the 2027 TBAA FTS Policies and Procedures document for full details on flight training scholarship eligibility.