



The Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship

About the Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in the Flight Training Scholarship offered by EAA Chapter 240. The Scholarship is funded entirely by the membership of this aviation group with the intention of assisting you to become a pilot and encourage you to consider a career in aviation. The funds that are provided are not intended to cover the full costs of becoming a pilot, but more to assist and encourage you in the early stages of what will be a multi-year learning experience. Several of our Scholarship awardees have gone on to very successful careers in military or commercial aviation, while others have gone on to pursue aviation as an enjoyable and rewarding pastime. We are proud to have been instrumental in their training and aviation success.

We receive many applicants for our Scholarship each year, and we have a process that enables us to determine where our funding can be best utilized, and by whom. As part of the process, we need to know more about you. Please complete this application with that in mind.

We wish you all the success going forward. If you have any questions, please email: scholarship@eaa240.org

Requirements

The Essay

The essay is judged on content, but we expect appropriate grammar and spelling. Use a separate sheet of paper for your essay, please type and do not exceed the specified word limit.

Topic

Aviation - where did your interest originate? Are there any individuals, events, or life experiences that have led you in this direction? What are your goals in aviation? How do you plan to use this scholarship to reach your goals? How do you plan to finance the flight training that this scholarship does not cover? (Maximum 500 words).

General Information

Please read and follow all instructions carefully, they are intended to provide a fair and consistent assessment process for all candidates.

The application will be judged on merit, including scholastic achievement, leadership skills, and community involvement. The applicant's ability to express his/her passion for flight is integral to the evaluation process. Applications submitted incorrectly or incomplete will be eliminated.

Flight training - Flight training will be conducted by the New Garden Flight Connection Flight School at the New Garden Flying Field in Toughkenamon, PA.

Subject to Board approval, three scholarships at up to \$4,000 each may be awarded.

1. For consideration of the annual flight training scholarship, applications need to be returned by June 14th. The Scholarship Committee will notify the selected scholarship recipients in July.



2. Applications MUST be mailed to: EAA Chapter 240. Attn: The Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship P.O. Box 240, Toughkenamon, PA 19374. (Mail only please, no personal delivery).
3. Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 23 on the first day of June of the current year.
4. Applicants are required to be able to be vetted by the TSA regarding US citizenship.
5. Applicants are required to read, write and speak English to FAA standards.
6. Applicants must submit two letters of reference
7. Scholarship recipients are required to begin flight training by August of the award year.
8. Successful applicants will join EAA240 as a member and provide 10 supervised volunteer hours to the Chapter operations.
9. Unused training funds remaining after 12 months of the award will be returned to EAA Chapter 240.
10. A scholarship recipient may apply and be awarded the scholarship for a maximum of two years.
11. Scholarship recipients are required to sign a Release of Liability form before any flight training will commence (for minors, the parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign).
12. There are three parts to this application: Please print the form and complete it legibly. Mail the original completed application with accompanying documents, to EAA Chapter 240 at the above address. If you would like to receive notification of receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when submitting your application. The notification of receipt will only verify we have received your application. It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete.
 1. PART ONE: Contact Information
 2. PART TWO: Personal and educational information
 3. PART THREE: One essay (see above)
13. All decisions made by The Scholarship Committee are final.
14. All materials will become the property of The Scholarship Committee and will not be returned.

By signing my initials below, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to the above instructions.

_____ (initials)

I hereby certify that all information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any information found to be false or misleading will result in my application being withdrawn from the selection process. By signing this document, I also give consent for The Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship Committee to verify any and all information, including contact information and / or school information.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____



1. Contact Information

Name

First	Middle	Last	Preferred

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Gender: M F

Permanent Address:

Street			
City	State:	Zip:	

Mailing Address (if different than above):

Street:			
City:	State:	Zip:	

Email Address: _____

Best phone #: _____ Alternate phone#: _____

If applicant is under age 18, please complete the following:

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Mailing Address:

Street:			
City:	State:	Zip:	

Parent or Guardian Permission: I/We the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the applicant understand all of the criteria and intentions associated with this scholarship application and hereby give our consent for our minor child, _____, to compete in the Flight Training Scholarship process. I/We also understand that EAA Chapter 240 will bear no liability during the instructional phase of training should the applicant receive this scholarship.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2. Personal & Educational Profile

Are you currently enrolled in school? YES NO

If yes, name of school: _____

Highest grade completed (circle one):

High School: 9 10 11 12

College or Other Post-Secondary School: 1 2 3 4

GPA: _____ Based upon what scale: _____

(Note: please attach some form of official documentation to verify your GPA, i.e. transcript, report card, etc. If your school is unable to provide your transcripts directly to you, please have them self to the address for the scholarship committee.)

List your involvement in the following activities within the past several years: school clubs, sports teams, community service, volunteer activities, and/or work experience below. Use additional pages if necessary. If you have no extracurricular involvement, please give the name and telephone number of your guidance counselor or a faculty member who knows you well:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Activity	Length of Involvement	Position/Title/Role	Contact Name and Phone Number



The Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship - who was Fred Kacena?

Fred became interested in the Experimental Aircraft Association in the 1950's and was a founding member of Chapter 240 (EAA240).

Over the years Fred earned numerous awards including the prestigious EAA Major Achievement Award. He was also a member of the OX-5 group and the QBs (Quiet Birdmen). After more than 60 years of dedicating his love to aviation, Fred retired in 2004 and passed away at the age of 89 in March of 2007. Chapter 240 (EAA 240) used a bequest from Fred to fund a scholarship in his memory for young people interested in learning to fly and deserving of financial assistance.

Fred was born in Cedar Rapids, IA, on August 1, 1917. After high school, Fred joined the U.S. Army and honorably served his country during WWII. After the war, Fred became a PT-19 expert for the Air Corps Flight School in Uvalde, TX. In 1948 Fred and his family moved to Newark, DE where he began working as a control surface specialist for TWA. Fred later joined an atomic power research program at the University of Delaware while employed reconditioning Navy blimps in Elkton, MD.

Fred's next endeavor was an airplane shop at Lovett Airport in Elkton that his friends called "Fat Freddie's Fly Factory." He passed the Authorized Inspector examination for the FAA and later became shop foreman at Chester County Aviation. Fred acted on an opportunity at the FAA and spent the next 15 years commuting to the Baltimore Airport. In retirement Fred was given the responsibility of a Designated Area Representative (DAR) authorizing certification of amateur-built and restricted aircraft and to re-issue standard certificates for the FAA.

Fred's life was a testament to the dreams of any young aviator. He enjoyed wonderful experiences and personal achievement. At the EAA Chapter 240 it is our good fortune to honor Fred's passion for flight and engender that passion to the next generation.

Fred would be thrilled to see the success the EAA Chapter 240 Flight Training Scholarships have progressed in his name.

The Louis L. Stott Foundation

In April 2021, The Stott Foundation generously donated funding for three Flight Training awardees and enables the Chapter to restart our Scholarship program for 2021. We thank the Foundation for their support for youth in aviation through the Fred Kacena Flight Training Scholarship program.

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