

# The Ninety-Nines



## Minnesota 99s Chapter Scholarship Award

The Minnesota Chapter of the Ninety-Nines offers two \$1,000 flight training scholarships and two \$500 currency scholarships to qualifying applicants. Scholarships are awarded annually in March as long as funds are available. One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded for course work toward a Private Pilot certificate and the second \$1,000 scholarship is awarded for an additional rating or endorsement. Two \$500 currency scholarships are awarded to become current in flying and are offered in memory of WWII WASP Elizabeth (Liz) Strohfus.

The purpose of these scholarships is to encourage women pilots, promote aviation within the surrounding community, and provide networking opportunities for women. These scholarships are awarded to assist women working to become a certificated private pilot, to earn a higher rating or certificate or become current. Scholarships can be applied to flight training only (instruction, aircraft fuel, aircraft rental).

Once awarded the funds will be sent to the scholarship winner's flight instructor, flight school, university or college chosen by the recipient on the following schedule:

1. 50% on award of the scholarship
2. Remaining 50% upon receipt of valid flight training receipts are submitted to the Minnesota 99s Scholarship Chairman.

### **Scholarship Requirements**

1. Applicant must:
  - a. Be a member of the Minnesota Chapter for 1 year prior to applying for an additional rating or endorsement scholarship. (Member must have joined by January 10 to apply by January 10 of the following year).
  - b. Be a member of the Minnesota Chapter for 6 months prior to award of a private pilot or currency scholarship. (Member must have joined by September 1 to apply by January 10 of the following year).
  - c. Have attended at least 3 Minnesota Chapter events in the past year.
  - d. Be pursuing an aviation goal that includes flight training
  - e. Be a Minnesota resident or student of a Minnesota school
2. If applicant is a student pilot, she must already have her student pilot certificate and medical.
3. Applicant must complete the application process.
4. Application and all supporting documents must be received by January 10.
5. Applicant cannot be a previous Minnesota 99s scholarship or Amelia Earhart winner (applies only to the two \$1,000 scholarships and not to the currency scholarships).

### **Scholarship Winner Must:**

1. Use the money within one year from the date of the scholarship award.
2. Provide written progress reports to the Minnesota 99s Chapter Scholarship Chairman every three months
3. Commit to membership in The Ninety-Nines for two consecutive years following award of scholarship.
4. After completion of training, provide a letter to the Minnesota 99s Chapter Scholarship Chairman describing training experience and how the money was used to achieve aviation goals.
5. Submit receipts showing hours flown and signed by the applicant and flight instructor to the Minnesota 99s Chapter Scholarship Chairman. Funds will be paid directly to the flight instructor or flight school.

### **The Application will consist of:**

1. Completed application
2. Two letters of recommendation. One of which must be from someone knowledgeable about the applicant's aviation interests and/or accomplishments, such as applicant's flight instructor or mentor. It must also include the length of time they have known the applicant.
3. An essay relative to your aviation goals (see Application for specific information required)
4. Copy of pilot certificate (for applicants applying for additional rating scholarship)
5. Copy of logbook – last 3 pages (for applicants applying for additional rating scholarship)

The application must be typed or neatly printed in black ink and completed in full and can be scanned and emailed to [mn99sgirlpilots@gmail.com](mailto:mn99sgirlpilots@gmail.com). Application must be received by January 10th of the current year. Illegible, incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

### **Scholarship Recipient Selection:**

A selection panel of three judges from the aviation community will screen applications and make final selections. Judges must sign a statement that they have no knowledge of the applicant. Decisions of the judges are final.

### **Scholarship Timeline:**

January 10-20	The Minnesota 99s Scholarship Committee will review the applications for completeness.
January 20	The Scholarship Chairman will forward applications to Judges.
Jan. 25 – Feb. 25	Judges will review applications
March Meeting	The Minnesota 99s Chapter Scholarship will be presented at the March business meeting.

Any questions please contact [mn99sgirlpilots@gmail.com](mailto:mn99sgirlpilots@gmail.com)

**Application Deadline is January 10th**