# Application for the EAA Chapter 461 Ray Aviation Scholarship 2025

Email the completed application to **rayscholarship@eaa461.org**

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| Personal Information |
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| Applicant Full Name |  |
| City and state of residence |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Applicant Cell Phone |  |
| Applicant Email Address |  |
| Parent/Guardian Full Name |  |
| Parent/Guardian Cell Phone |  |
| Parent/Guardian Email Address |  |
| Applicant EAA Member # |  |
| When did you join EAA Chapter 461? |  |
| What activities have you participated in with our chapter? |  |
| What Chapter 461 events did you volunteer for?  |  |

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| Aviation goals |
| What scholarship are you applying for (Glider, Sport Pilot or Private Pilot)? |
| Have you enrolled in a ground school? If yes, please share your progress. |
| List any previous flight training or other flight experience. |
| Did you choose a flight school/instructor? If yes, provide the name of the school. |
| If you are applying for a Private Pilot training, you will need to obtain a 3rd class Medical certificate. [Learn what conditions might disqualify you from getting a medical certificate](https://www.faa.gov/faq/what-medical-conditions-does-faa-consider-disqualifying). If you have any concerns regarding obtaining a medical, please let us know.  |

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| Commitment to the Ray Scholarship |
| Once you are selected to receive the scholarship, you will need toobtain a 3rd class medical within 30 days (applies only to Private Pilot)find an instructor and apply for a Student Pilot CertificateIf you have any concerns regarding accomplishing the above, please let us know. We reserve the right to give the scholarship to another applicant if you fail to obtain the medical. |
| Once you get the Ray Scholarship award, you muststart flying within 60 dayscomplete your first solo in 3 monthscomplete written exam in 6 monthscomplete the checkride in 12 monthsreport on your progress bi-weekly |
| Describe how will you fit flight lessons into your schedule:* How many 2-hour lessons a week can you make? Take into account the time needed to get to flight school. If you don’t drive, consider also availability of the person who will be driving you.
* How many hours a week can you dedicate to study and prepare for the lessons?
* During school year
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| * During summer break
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| What's your contingency plan should the training cost more than this scholarship amount? |
| List any other factors that might affect your ability to meet the program milestones. |

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| Essay |
| In your essay, please answer one of the following questions:  |
| * What are you passionate about in Aviation? What path do you want to pursue?
* What are your long-term goals? What steps have you made so far to achieve them?
* Tell us about something that you struggled with. What have you learned from your struggle and how did you overcome it?
* Why do you think you should be selected for the Ray Aviation Scholarship?
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| Recommendation Letter |
| * The letter must come from an adult who has known you for a minimum of one year. A teacher, coach, group leader, or work supervisor are possible considerations. Recommender cannot be your family member. Choose someone who will speak to your character.
* The letter of recommendation should reflect:
	+ Recommender’s relation to you and its length
	+ Your commitment to achieving a goal, leadership or work ethic qualities
	+ Recommender’s contact information
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| Agreement and Signature |
| I understand that any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in the immediate dismissal for consideration. |
| My parent(s) / legal guardian(s) agree to my participation and minimum requirements.  |
| Applicant Name |  |
| Applicant Signature |  |
| Date |  |
| Parent/Guardian Name |  |
| Parent/Guardian Signature |  |
| Date |  |

Please email

* this application
* attach essay in PDF format
* attach Letter of Recommendation, or ask the recommender to email it

to **rayscholarship@eaa461.org**

Thank you for being a Chapter 461 member, and your interest in Ray Aviation scholarship. We will carefully review each application and contact each applicant separately with the results.

If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to email us. And good luck!