

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN PILOTS' ASSOCIATION



Founder: Nancy-Bird Walton  
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**THE FREDA THOMPSON AND CLAIRE EMBLING AVIATION AWARD  
APPLICATION FORM**

The Freda Thompson and Claire Embling Aviation Award, which is intended to assist in the advancement of practical and/or theoretical training, has been established to honour the memory of Freda Thompson OBE, a staunch member of the Australian Women Pilots' Association. By her example and friendship she was able to encourage and inspire the members with whom she came into contact.

- In 1933 Freda was the first woman in the British Empire to gain an Instructor's Licence.
- In 1934 Freda was the first Australian woman to fly solo from England to Australia. This flight was made in a De Havilland Moth Major.
- In 1947 she was the first woman elected to the committee of the Royal Victorian Aero Club and in 1948 she became the first woman to be elected its President.

The name of Freda's sister Claire Embling was added to the award in 2008 to acknowledge the financial support from this former (now deceased) member.

Conditions of the Award:

- Applicants must be female
- Applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia
- Applicant must have a minimum of 50 hours flying experience on powered aircraft
- Award monies will be paid on a dollar for dollar basis up to the value of the Award on presentation of invoices or validated receipts
- Award monies are to be used by the recipient within 12 months, failure to do so without the written permission of the committee will result in forfeiture of the Award
- Membership of AWPA is not a requirement.

Name .....

Address.....

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Phone..... Email.....

Licence Type..... Licence No .....

Date of Issue of Current Licence ..... Date of last flight.....

Total Hours flown Solo.....Dual.....

Name and Address of Flying School/ Club you usually fly with.....  
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Name of CFI.....

Give details of how you intend to use this Award INCLUDING projected COSTS (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

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Names and Addresses of TWO Flying Referees:

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**Include with application:      Copies of references from the above referees**  
**Certified copy of last page of your Log Book**  
**Estimated costs**

Signed..... Date.....

Send fully completed form to: T. MacDonald 2/51-55 Bell Street, YARRA GLEN, Vic 3775 by cob 31<sup>st</sup> January