



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



The RAAF Formation or Aerobatic Endorsement (Aeroplanes) Scholarship 2012 *Sponsored by The Royal Australian Air Force*

The Australian Women Pilots' Association, through the sponsorship of the Royal Australian Air Force, is offering a scholarship valued at up to \$2,500 to assist a female pilot to complete either a Formation or Aerobatic Endorsement. The applicant must have completed their Private Pilot Licence (A) or provide written certification that such equivalent level has been attained.

To be awarded to a woman pilot between 17 and 24 years of age.

BACKGROUND

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) provides air and space power for Australia's security and is the second-oldest independent and permanent air force in the world (after Britain's Royal Air Force). The RAAF's origins can be found in the Australian Flying Corps of World War I; however the Air Force was not established as a separate organisation until 1921.

The Royal Australian Air Force has donated funds to provide this scholarship, which will be awarded on merit to the successful female applicant. An objective of the RAAF is to encourage women into RAAF Aircrew careers in order to achieve substantive equality between men and women employed as RAAF Aircrew. The scholarship is specifically to help meet the flight training costs for a PPL Formation or Acrobatic endorsement for the successful candidate and may assist with entry into the RAAF.

The Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA) is the nation's peak representative of women pilots. Its objectives are focused on promoting aviation and women pilots in career and recreational pursuits. Each scholarship provides one woman with the opportunity to 'kick-start' her flying career. AWPA is particularly grateful and appreciative of the RAAF in providing this opportunity.

Application Forms are available from the AWPA website: www.awpa.org.au

The deadline to submit your application is 31st January, 2012

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

1. The scholarship applicant must have achieved their Private pilot Licence. If the applicant's course bypasses PPL confirmation will be required from the CFI of the Flying School that an equivalent level of proficiency has been achieved.

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2. Applicants will be considered for their scholastic achievements, leadership skills, community involvement, and ambition and passion to pursue an aviation career.
3. Applicants must be between 17 and 24 years of age (17 being the required age to hold a PPL). Where the applicant is less than 18 years of age the application must be accompanied by a parent's/guardian's consent in writing.
4. The scholarship funds must be used for flight training at a CASA approved flying training school. The flying school is to provide AWPA with quarterly progress reports on the recipient's progress during the year of the scholarship.
5. The winner will be announced by the Royal Australian Air Force at the AWPA Conference Dinner on 21 April 2012 in Bunbury Western Australia.
6. The scholarship funds of \$2,500 will be awarded in the following manner:
 - Up to \$2,500 on providing receipts for flying training related to either a Formation or Aerobatic Endorsement.
 - The funds will be available for payment towards these training costs from the date of the announcement of the winner. The Scholarship is not retrospective and payment of funds will not be backdated prior to the announcement date of 21st April 2012.

Applications need to include the following:

- Your essay that responds to four elements as explained in the Application Form
- Copy of both sides of the last two pages of your open Pilot's log book
- CASA pilot licence
- Current CASA Aviation Class 1 or 2 Medical
- Instructor's recommendation detailing proficiency and aptitude for aviation; and
- If not already an AWPA member, confirmation an application to join AWPA has been made.

(NB: Membership application must be received at least one week prior to applications closing to allow for processing)

All applications will be judged at the sole discretion of the selection committee and no correspondence/discussion will be entered into after the scholarship recipient has been announced.

Applications will only be accepted if submitted electronically in PDF format (file no larger than 5 MB) to national.vicepresident.@awpa.org.au on the official application form with all attachments. The original Application Form and all attachments must then be posted to arrive by the closing date of 31st January 2012.

**To: The RAAF Aerobatic/Formation Endorsement Scholarship
AWPA National Vice President,
PO Box 1022,
MUDGEES NSW 2850**

Additional Notes:

- **Only applications submitted electronically will be accepted**
- **Any enquiries, please phone Neva Cavenagh-Doble on Mobile: 0447 727 720**



APPLICATION FORM



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CLOSING DATE 31ST JANUARY, 2012

Section 1 – Name and Contact Information

1. Full Name:Title:
2. Date of Birth:/...../.....
3. Permanent Address:
City.....State..... Postcode
4. Mailing Address:
City.....State..... Postcode
5. E-mail Address:
6. Telephone: AH.....Mobile:

I wish to apply for the Formation/Aerobatic Endorsement (please cross out one)

I acknowledge and accept that neither Australian Women Pilots' Association nor RAAF or their respective office bearers, members or employees will be under any liability whatsoever during any phase of the scholarship arising from or in any way relating to the scholarship or the training pursued by me, should I be awarded this scholarship.

Additionally, in the event of my application being successful, I consent to AWPA releasing to RAAF my name, age and town or suburb of residence, occupation and photograph or other likeness for the purposes of promoting RAAF's sponsorship and to the RAAF publicly releasing the same information for the purposes of publicity in relation to the RAAF sponsorship.

Full Name: (Please Print)

Signature:**Date:**/...../.....

PLEASE REFER TO THE CRITERIA IN THE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION DOCUMENT BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

Section 2 – Flying Experience

Date PPL (or equivalent) obtained:.....

Are you currently enrolled in a Flying School? If so please provide as follows.

School Name:

Address:

Phone No:

Name of Instructor:Instructor's Grade:

Number of hours dual:..... Command:Total Hours:.....

Aircraft Type(s):

Endorsements:

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Section 3 – Letter of Recommendation

Please attach a letter of recommendation from either the CFI of the flying school at which you are active (preferable), or your flying instructor, who can attest to your ability to undertake successfully either an Aerobatic or Formation Endorsement. Do not use relatives to provide this reference.

Referee's Name:

Contact Details:

Telephone: BH: Mob:

Email:

Section 4 – Essay

An essay of 500 words (maximum) is required from applicants and should be typed and double-spaced. The essay will be judged on the following three elements:

Element 1: Why do you want to undertake this training and how will it assist you in your pursuit of a career in aviation?

Element 2: Where did your desire to experience aerobatic/formation flying originate from and are there any individuals, events, or life experiences that have led you in this

direction? Please briefly describe them and their impact on your decision to pursue this aspect of aviation.

Element 3: Why would you like a flying career in the Royal Australian Air Force?

Element 4: How will this scholarship help you reach your goals? Why do you think you deserve this scholarship?

Submission Check List:

Do you have all of these?

- The completed original application (as above)
- Your essay
- A copy of the relevant pages of your pilot's log book
- A copy of your CASA Private Pilot Licence (A) or written certification from CFI that equivalent level has been attained
- A copy of your current CASA aviation medical
- Letter of recommendation
- Letter of consent from parent or guardian if under 18 years of age
- Are you a member or have you applied for membership of AWPA?
Date of application:

Thank you for your application.

The winners of the scholarship will be announced at the Annual AWPA Conference Dinner to be held in Bunbury, WA on the evening of Saturday 21st April 2012

The successful applicants must use scholarship funds between the date of the announcement of the winner on the 21st April 2012 and 30th June 2013. The Scholarship is not retrospective and payment of funds will not be backdated prior to the announcement date.

Please submit Application Form and all attachments electronically in PDF format (complete file to be no larger than 5MB).

TO: national.vicepresident@awpa.org.au

Then post the originals of all documents to arrive no later than 31st January 2012

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