

## Sample form, not for offline completion.

Visit <https://auburn-aviation-scholarships.scholarshipsplatform.com> to apply.

1. Log into your existing account if you have one. If not, register for a new one.
2. Click the Start Application button.
3. Choose the scholarship for which you are applying.
4. Review the criteria and BE SURE you qualify.
5. Complete the fields and answer the questions. You can save the application in-progress.
6. Submit your application to be reviewed.
7. You can update your submitted application until the application deadline.

Best of luck!

For any questions, please contact [Flyfund@auburnaviationassociation.org](mailto:Flyfund@auburnaviationassociation.org)

# Training for instrument rating

## Scholarship description and eligibility criteria

Up to five scholarships for up to \$12,000 each in training towards an instrument rating will be awarded to qualified applicants as determined by the review board. These scholarships will primarily be funded by the Ellsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation, including one in the name of the Munro family. One scholarship may be funded by Mach 5 Aviation.

Successful applicants will be expected to train intensively during the summer of 2025, studying for the FAA written examination as well as flying three to four days per week.

Applicants must be no older than 25 years as of September 30, 2025. As of January 31, 2025, they must hold a private pilot certificate. Unless enrolled in a Part 141 program, they must have 20 hours of pilot-in-command cross-country time prior to commencing flight training under this scholarship. Applicants must reside in the California counties of Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, or Yuba. An FAA medical certificate appropriate to the training to be undertaken will be required prior to the start of training under this scholarship.

Instruction and training under this scholarship must be accomplished at one or more of the following flight schools located at Auburn Municipal Airport (KAUN):

Mach 5 Aviation  
Sierra Air Helicopters  
Sky Trails Aviation  
Sunshine Flyers

The deadline for passing the written examination is June 30, 2025. The applicant must have been signed off by his/her flight instructor as eligible for the FAA flight check for the instrument rating by November 30, 2025. Waivers from these requirements may be considered. Funding will be in two installments. The first installment will be \$5500. Funding for the second installment will be dependent upon the student having passed the written examination.

Ground school costs up to \$300 and FAA written examination costs up to \$200 will be reimbursed from scholarship funds.

Persons who are prior recipients of \$10,000 or greater scholarships from any of these sponsors or the Aerospace Museum of California are ineligible for the 2025 scholarships.

Additional rules and guidelines apply and are posted on the AAA website. [Click here.](#)

## Deadline to apply

**Important!**

Applicants will be notified via e-mail by February 15, 2025, as to whether they have been selected for interview. Interviews are scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2025. Logbooks will be reviewed and validated at time of interview. Any applicant who has not received a notification by February 16, 2025, should immediately contact Don Wolfe at [Flyfund@auburnaviationassociation.org](mailto:Flyfund@auburnaviationassociation.org).

Applicant name

☐ I confirm I meet the eligibility criteria for this award. If under 18, I confirm my parent/legal guardian has approved my participation.

How old will you be on September 30, 2025?

2 characters

Enter two digits

In what ways do you contribute to your community?

50 words

Select the type of aircraft in which you would you do your training if awarded this scholarship.

☐ Fixed wing

☐ Helicopter

Typical rates for dual instruction:

\$ 250 - 300 per hour in fixed wing trainers

\$ 350 - 500 per hour in helicopter trainers

What have you done to earn money?

50 words

What activities do you have planned for the summer of 2025? Please be specific.

100 words

How many flying hours do you have as pilot-in-command? In what types of aircraft? How many total flying hours?

100  
words

What is your pilot certificate number and date of issuance?

10 words

Are you presently taking, or have you completed, instrument ground school? If so, where and when? Explain.

50 words

Have you taken and passed the FAA written test for the instrument rating? If so, when and where, and what was your score?

50 words

Have you previously received any aviation-related scholarship? If so, from whom and for what amount and purpose?

50 words

Do you have plans to further your education? What are your career aspirations? Explain.

100 words

Do you plan to become a CFI, and if so, when?

100 words

How do you expect an instrument rating to develop your skill set as a pilot? What limitations would there be?

250 words

This scholarship is for intensive aviation training during the summer of 2025. How would you arrange your schedule to meet our training time requirements? What would you have to give up?

200 words