



AUSTRALIAN WOMEN PILOTS' ASSOCIATION
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AWPA Andrii Antonenko Aviation Scholarship 2023

Sponsored by Peter Antonenko

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Australian Women Pilots' Association, through the sponsorship of Peter Antonenko, is offering one flight training scholarship per year up to the value of **\$10,000**, to women pursuing a Commercial Pilot Licence. The funds are to assist with flight training costs associated with gaining flying proficiency in either fixed wing or rotary aircraft, in their Commercial Pilot Licence training block. Applicants must be training with a Part 141 or 142 flying school.

BACKGROUND

Andrii Antonenko:

Peter Antonenko, an aviation professional and enthusiast, was inspired to donate this scholarship because of his parent's encouragement and support from a very young age which enabled him to enter the aviation industry. They took an incredible and generous financial risk sending their aviation obsessed son to a live-in flying school, borrowing money when little was around.

As a living memorial to his parents and their love and support, Peter is generously sponsoring a scholarship in his father's name, Andrii Antonenko, to assist others to gain Commercial Pilot Licence qualifications.



Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA) is a national representative body of women pilots. Its objectives include the encouragement and advancement of women pilots in career and recreational pursuits in aviation. Each scholarship provides one woman with the opportunity to advance her flying career. AWPA is particularly appreciative of the opportunities this sponsorship by Peter Antonenko provides.

Women wishing to apply must use the official application form, ensure they meet the following criteria and should they be successful, comply with the conditions of the award.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 31 JANUARY 2023

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Have begun or show suitable commitment to Commercial Pilot Licence flight training (one or more CPL exams completed, flight training invoice towards CPL, or other).
2. Hold a current CASA Class 1 or Class 2 aviation medical.
3. Be at least 17 years of age.
(Note: Where an applicant is under 18 years of age, the application must be accompanied by a letter of consent signed by a parent or guardian).

In addition, an applicant will be expected to provide:

4. Details and evidence of the highest educational achievement.
5. A recent letter of recommendation from a flying instructor or other aviation person detailing proficiency and aptitude for aviation.
6. An essay of no more than 700 words. Please see the AWPA Andrii Antonenko Aviation Scholarship Application form for further guidance.
7. Other background information.

AWPA membership is not a requirement for eligibility of this scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants will be considered for their ambition to pursue an aviation career as a pilot and their plan for how they intend to realise that career. Other factors that will be considered include aptitude for leadership and community involvement.

All applications will be assessed at the discretion of the selection panel whose decision will be final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into after the announcement of scholarship recipients.

The winner will be announced at the Awards and Presentation Dinner on 25th of March 2023, in Mount Gambier, SA.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS and FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

The scholarship funds will be available from the date of announcement of the successful applicants on 25 March 2023 to 30 June 2024.

A short period of scholarship retrospectivity will be available to recipients. Any relevant training conducted from when applications close will be eligible to be claimed against the scholarship funds – so the practical term of the scholarship is 1 February 2023 to 30 June 2024.

The scholarship funds are to be used for **flight training only**. Funds are not to be expended on the purchase of equipment, books, apparel or flights not directly supervised as part of the training program.

Flight training must be with a Part 141 or 142 flying school.

The scholarship funds of up to **\$10,000** comprise two components:

1. **\$9000 to meet flying training costs** – paid by AWPA to the flying school after the training has occurred and once fully itemised invoices have been provided to the AWPA National Treasurer by the school; any retrospective claims will be reimbursements to the recipient on submission of fully itemised invoices that have been paid.
2. **\$1,000 available as a bonus payments** on attainment of passing all CPL theory subjects

The successful applicant is required to submit a mid-term or 6-monthly **progress report** (whichever occurs first), and **final report** upon completion of the scholarship funds. Reports should include theory and practical assessments in the form of exam results (as applicable), flight instructor reports, and a short training update written by the successful applicant.

If at the time of progress report submission the successful applicant is not achieving to a satisfactory level, the scholarship panel reserves the right to place the scholarship on hold until this has been rectified, or to discontinue the scholarship.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered – a checklist is provided as part of the application form to help guard against this.

These scholarships always attract a strong field of applicants. Accordingly, applicants are encouraged to attend to the detail required in making a complete and thorough application.

Applications must be submitted electronically in PDF format. Your application must be submitted as one file only (i.e., not multiple files), with the total file size not exceeding 10 MB.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Please ensure you receive an acknowledgement of your application.

Enquiries: scholarship.coordinator@awpa.org.au

Multiple scholarship applications will be accepted but an applicant can only win one scholarship per year.