



AIR FORCE

AWPA FORMATION OR AEROBATIC ENDORSEMENT (AEROPLANE) SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by The Royal Australian Air Force

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA) is offering a scholarship valued at \$5,000 to assist a female pilot with obtaining a Formation or Aerobatic Endorsement.

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) is sponsoring this scholarship, which will be awarded on merit to the successful applicant.

Applicants must be between 17 and 24 years of age and must have at least attained their Private Pilot Licence (A) or an equivalent level.

BACKGROUND

The Australian Women Pilots' Association is a national representative body of women pilots. Its objectives are focused on promoting aviation and women pilots in career and recreational pursuits. This scholarship provides one woman pilot with the opportunity to advance her flying aspirations. AWPA is particularly appreciative of the RAAF for enabling AWPA to be able to provide this opportunity.

The Royal Australian Air Force. Established in 1921, the RAAF is the second-oldest air force in the world with a proud tradition of service – contributing to coalition operations, peacekeeping and humanitarian and disaster relief.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Applicants must:

1. hold either a Private Pilot Licence (A) or, if the applicant's flight training bypasses PPL, have attained an equivalent level of proficiency.
2. be aged between 17 and 24 years.

Note: where the applicant is less than 18 years of age the application must be accompanied by a signed written consent from a parent or guardian.

3. be a financial member of AWPA or have lodged an application for membership **prior to 01 January 2026.**
4. Must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or reside in Australia

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship funds must be used for flight training with a Part 141 or 142 flying training school holding appropriate authorisations.
2. The flying school is to provide AWPA with a report on the recipient's achievements.
3. 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.
4. The scholarship funds of \$5,000 will be awarded in the following manner:
 - a. up to \$5,000 on providing itemised invoices for flying training related to either a Formation or Aerobatic Endorsement.
 - b. the funds will be available for payment towards these training costs from the date of the announcement of the winner through to 30 June 2027.
5. Any relevant training conducted by the recipient after the application closing date may be claimed against the scholarship funds effectively expanding the time frame over which training may be conducted – from 1 February 2026 through to 30 June 2027.
6. The winner will be announced by RAAF at the Awards and Presentation Dinner in Airlie Beach, QLD on Saturday 9th May 2026.
7. Scholarship funds may either be paid directly to a Part 141 or 142 Flight Training Operator or the applicant may have scholarships funds reimbursed to them if proof of payment to a Part 141 or 142 Flight Training Operator is provided.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Copy of the last two pages of your pilot's log book (both sides of the last two pages of your open log book).
- Copy of your CASA Private Pilot Licence (A) or letter from HOO/CFI confirming achievement of equivalent level in training.
- Copy of your CASA Aviation Class 1 or 2 Medical – this must be current.
- Please attach a recent letter of recommendation from a referee who can attest to your ability to undertake successfully either an Aerobatic or Formation Endorsement - preferably the HOO/CFI of the flying school/club at which you are active or your flying instructor. Do not ask relatives, partners or spouses to provide this reference.
- Signed and dated letter of consent from parent or guardian if under 18 years of age.
- Evidence of your Australian Citizenship, Permanent Residence or Australian residential address.
- An essay of no more than 500 words.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications are to be submitted electronically via the website.

Should you require a paper form of the application please Email:

scholarship.coordinator@awpa.org.au

Closure date: **31st of January 2026**

Note: Late applications will not be accepted.

If you need technical assistance please contact the Scholarship Coordinator.

Multiple scholarship applications will be accepted but an applicant can only be awarded one scholarship.