



Mary O'Brien Silver Wings Award 2026

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The intended use of the award may include one of the following: training up to 1st solo, Recreational Pilot Licence, PPL, CPL, Private Instrument Rating, Night VFR, Flight Review, aerobatic endorsement, retractable endorsement or tail wheel endorsement.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- This award is open to all women aged 45 years or over at the time of application.
- The award is open to fixed wing, rotary, ballooning and gliding enthusiasts.
- Membership of AWPA is not required at the time of application. It will be required if awarded.
- Must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or reside in Australia.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

All scholarship applications must include the following items:

- Your essay – tell us (in up to 500 words) your intended use of the award, and why you deserve the award.
- A referee's written confirmation verifying applicant's flying experience.
- A cost estimate from the proposed flying school or organisation must be included.
- Copy of current CASA aviation Class 1 or 2 medical

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS:

The successful applicant must:

- confirm in writing, within one month of receiving the award, an intention to accept;
- lodge written progress reports every three months thereafter with the award coordinator, Shelley Ross nsw-act.scholarships2@awpa.org.au ;
- complete the training covered by this award **within one year**. (An extension of time may be granted at the selection panel's discretion, provided a written application reaches the coordinator before the expiry date.)

The money awarded will be paid to the flying school/organisation of the winner's choice on a '**dollar- for-dollar basis**' up to \$1500. This means the applicant will be required to pay 50% of her training costs until the \$1,500 award is expended. Itemised invoices from the flying school/organisation must be supplied.

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The award may not apply to any training undertaken prior to the winner's announcement at the 2025 AGM.

The selection panel's decision in awarding the scholarship will be final.

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. Note: Gliding Clubs are not subject to the Part 141 or Part 142 requirement and the applicant can be reimbursed following proof of payment to a Gliding Club

The successful applicant will be announced at the Awards and Presentation Dinner on Saturday 9th of May 2026 at Airlie Beach QLD.

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.

For further information about this scholarship please contact Shelley Ross
nsw-act.scholarships2@awpa.org.au

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