

THE DI GOODWIN SCHOLARSHIP 2026 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Di Goodwin was a long-time member of the AWPA, a highly experienced multi-engine IFR pilot who then became an Accident Investigator with the BASI (now ATSB). Di generously bequeathed funds to the NSW-ACT Branch of the AWPA to be used to assist a woman pilot to gain additional flying skills.

The Di Goodwin Scholarship aims to assist an AWPA member in obtaining an Instrument Rating (IR) or Private Instrument Rating (PIFR). The scholarship is valued at \$5,000 to be paid toward flight training for the initial issue of an Instrument Rating or the initial issue of a Private Instrument Rating

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

By the closing date, each applicant must:

- be a financial member with 2026 dues paid.
- have 24 months continuous membership of AWPA immediately prior to the closing date of the scholarship.
- as a scholarship recipient, intend to retain AWPA membership for the next two years.
- must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or reside in Australia
- hold a current medical that permits the exercise of the privileges of the rating; and
- have obtained a pass in the theory examination applicable to the rating sought (IREX or PIFR) by scholarship closing date of 31 January 2026.
- not be participating in an integrated training course where the IR or PIFR training is part of that course, that is the applicant's training must be a standalone continuous course of training.
- applicants currently training for the initial issue of either the IR or the PIFR may apply, provided they comply with all the entry conditions (refer item 3 in Scholarship Conditions below).

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Your application must be accompanied by the following:

- 1. Copy of your licence all pages showing licences, ratings and endorsements
- 2. Copy of a document proving an Australian address
- 3. Copy of your current medical

- 4. Short resume
- 5. Copy of examination results
- 6. An essay of up to 500 words addressing but not limited to:
 - Your interest and experience to date in aviation
 - Your aviation ambitions and how you anticipate achieving them
 - Your reasons for applying for The Di Goodwin Scholarship.
- 7. Evidence of your Australian Citizenship, Permanent residency or Australian residential address

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS:

- 1. The successful applicant must confirm in writing to the coordinator, within one month of receiving the award, an intention to accept the scholarship.
- 2. The scholarship funds will be available for payment from the date of the announcement of the successful applicant. The funds must be used within 6 months of the announcement (31st of October 2026).
- 3. Additionally, any relevant training conducted after applications close but prior to announcement may be claimed retrospectively against the scholarship funds this effectively widens the term of the scholarship from 1 February 2026 to 31 October 2026.
- 4. The recipient is to submit a short report on completion of training or, if not completed by 31 October 2026, a progress report with the completion report to follow.
- 5. The decision of the panel is final and no correspondence relating to the decision will be entered into.
- 6. The scholarship is managed by the NSW-ACT Branch of the AWPA and a selection panel comprising members of NSW Branch. Applications are received by the Di Goodwin scholarship coordinator.
- 7. Scholarship funds may either be paid directly to Part 141 or 142 Flight Training Operators, or the applicant may have scholarship funds reimbursed to them if proof of payment to a Part 141 or 142 Flight Training Operator is provided.
- 8. The successful recipient will be announced at the Awards and Presentation Dinner at Airlie Beach on 9 May 2026.
- 9. For further information on this scholarship please contact the NSW scholarship co-ordinator, Shelley Ross E: nsw-act.scholarships2@awpa.org.au

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.