



AIR FORCE

AWPA NAVIGATION COMPONENT SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by the Royal Australian Air Force

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA), through the sponsorship of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), is offering a training scholarship to a woman aged between 16 and 24 years who may wish to pursue an aviation career as a pilot.

Valued at **\$7,000**, the scholarship is to assist with flight training costs associated with undertaking the Navigation component of a Private Pilot Licence (Aeroplane).

The Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA) is a national representative body of women pilots. Its objectives are focused on promoting aviation and women pilots in career and recreational pursuits. AWPA acknowledges the support of the Royal Australian Air Force in enabling this scholarship. The Association encourages women to consider all aviation career opportunities available but notes that successful application for this scholarship does not in any way replace any recruiting eligibility requirements currently in place with the RAAF.

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 will be considered for their aviation achievements, goals and plans for achieving those goals. Note: An intention to pursue an aviation career with the RAAF is welcome, but not a requirement. The scholarship applicant must:

- Have achieved her first solo flight (in a powered VH- registration fixed wing aircraft) before lodging an application.
- Be a financial member of AWPA and retain membership for the period of the scholarship. NOTE: If not already a member, a membership application must have been lodged with the membership secretary **by January 31st 2027**.
- Be aged between 16 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.
- Be able to comply with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's requirements to obtain a private or commercial pilot licence.
- Must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or reside in Australia

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- All scholarship applications must include the following items:
- An essay of no more than 500 words
- Copy of the last two pages of your pilot's logbook (both sides of the last two pages of your open log book) ensuring that the record of your first solo is included.
- Copy of CASA pilot licence if any held
- Copy of current CASA aviation Class 1 or 2 medical
- Signed and dated recent letter of recommendation detailing proficiency and aptitude for aviation. The letter of recommendation should come from either the HOO/CFI of the flying school at which you are active (preferable) or your flying instructor. Recommendation letters must include the length of time the individual has known the applicant and in what capacity. Specific examples should be used to describe the attributes of the applicant.
- Copies of relevant educational qualification(s).
- Evidence of your Australian Citizenship, Permanent residency or Australian residential address.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS:

1. The scholarship funds must be used for flight training only.
2. The scholarship funds of \$7,000 will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Up to \$7,000 on submission of itemised invoices for flying training related to the Navigation component of the recipient's private or commercial pilot licence.
 - b. The funds will be available for payment from the date of the announcement of the successful recipient on 3 April 2027.
 - c. The funds must be used by 30 June 2028.
 - d. Additionally, any relevant training conducted after applications close but prior to announcement may be claimed against the scholarship funds – this effectively widens the term of the scholarship from 1 February 2027 to 30 June 2028.
 - e. Scholarship funds may either be paid directly to a Part 141 or 142 Flight Training Operator, or an RAAus Training provider or the applicant may have scholarships funds reimbursed to them if proof of payment to a Part 141 or 142 Flight Training Operator or RAAus training provider is provided.
3. The funds will not be available until the recipient has undertaken sufficient training to be able to commence her navigation exercises.
4. All applications will be judged at the complete discretion of the selection committee and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into after the scholarship recipient has been announced.
5. The successful applicant will be announced at the Awards and Presentation Dinner on Saturday 3rd of April 2026 at Orange, NSW.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

Applications are to be submitted electronically via the website.

Closure date: **31st of January 2027**

Note: Late applications will not be accepted.

If you need technical assistance please contact the Scholarship Coordinator.

scholarship.coordinator@awpa.org.au

Each applicant can apply for a maximum of four scholarships and may be awarded one conference attendance and one general scholarship.