



Frequently Asked Questions

“How will scholarship funds be disbursed?”

Scholarship dollars will be disbursed on a three-installment basis. The initial installment (40 percent), post solo installment (40 percent), and post FAA written installment (20 percent). Installments will be fulfilled upon completion of required progress reports.

“What can the funds be used for?”

Funds can be used for any cost directly associated with flight training, i.e., aircraft rental, CFI fees, aircraft fuel, flying club dues, and aircraft rental insurance.

“Who will receive the scholarship funds when the installments are disbursed?”

The chapter will receive each installment via ACH transmittal or check. The chapter is encouraged to pay the invoices from the flight school/flying club/CFI/etc. rather than giving funds directly to the scholar.

“A potential scholar has already soloed, are they still eligible?”

Students who have already soloed will be awarded the appropriate portion of funds on a case-by-case basis.

A student who just soloed may be eligible for the second or third installments of the award post-solo.

“How does EAA’s Youth Protection Program impact the scholarship?”

Ray Aviation Scholarship coordinators will be required to be current on their Youth Protection Policy training and associated background check.

“Can an EAA chapter support more than one scholar per year?”

Yes! Each participating chapter will be earmarked \$10,000. Any money beyond earmarked dollars is available for additional scholars, as long as it does not take funds from a chapter that has not yet brought a scholarship candidate forward.

Example: Eighty chapters qualify as Ray Aviation chapters; \$800,000 will be earmarked in scholarship funds at \$10,000 per chapter. The remaining \$200,000 is available for additional chapter scholars.

“What if there are additional funds remaining once the scholar has completed flight training?”

Chapters may keep up to \$1,500 for the scholar’s future flying expenditures. Qualified expenditures include acquiring additional ratings, endorsements, certificates, or additional aircraft rental for exercising their pilot certificate.

Funds remaining beyond that \$1,500 must be returned to EAA by the chapter or used for an additional chapter scholarship recipient if approved by EAA. The chapter has 30 days to propose to EAA how excess funds will be used.

“What happens to the money if a scholar drops out of flight training?”

All funds not spent on the scholar’s flight training must be returned to EAA.

“How do I apply for the Ray Aviation Scholarship?”

As a student interested in this scholarship, you will need to join a local EAA chapter that is qualified to participate in the Ray Aviation Scholarship program. Visit EAA.org/FindaChapter to find a qualified chapter near you or inquire at your local chapter.

“How does our chapter become eligible to participate in the Ray Aviation Scholarship?”

Your chapter must apply to become Ray Aviation Scholarship eligible. The application is typically open from January 1-31 of each year. Keep an eye on EAA.org/RayScholars for the most up-to-date scholarship information.