Aero Club of Buffalo
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Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship Program 2022

Dear Applicant:

We would like to congratulate you on your aviation pursuits and the decision to participate in the 2022 Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship Award process. We will be awarding **two $2000 Scholarships**.

#1  **The Fran Bainbridge Flight Training Scholarship**
$2000 to a flight student pursuing a private pilot or higher certificate. * Applicants for this scholarship must be between the ages of 17-25 and be a permanent resident or student within the WNY region as defined below. The applicant must have a Student Pilot Certificate and **have soloed** by the due date of the application. All flight lessons must be taken within one of the WNY counties listed. Funding for this scholarship is generously supported by the Aero Club of Buffalo Members.

#2  **The Thomas P. Kopera School Tuition Scholarship**
$2000 to be used toward a degree program or other training. * Applicants for this scholarship must be between the ages of 17-25 and be a permanent resident or student living within the WNY region as defined below. Planning a career in the field of aviation, to include, but not limited to: A & P mechanic, aerospace engineer, airport manager, aviation educator, air traffic controller, commercial or airline pilot. This scholarship is offered to endorse and assist your efforts in pursuing your education/career in aviation. Funds awarded may be used for the purpose of related books, materials, aircraft rent and instructor time or tuition expenses. **Funding for this scholarship is generously supported by the Aero Club of Buffalo Members.**

*To be eligible for consideration*, candidates must reside in one of the following counties: Niagara, Erie, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Monroe, Livingston, Allegany, Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, and Schuyler

Scholarship Award winners will be officially recognized at the Niagara Aerospace Museum’s **Hall of Fame Dinner** to be held May 2022 (barring cancellation due to COVID). If the winner(s) are unable to attend, they will be asked to submit a picture or attend via Zoom.

Please note all applicants will receive a free one-year membership to the Aero Club of Buffalo.

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:  Aero Club of Buffalo, Pamela Crassidis, 9424 Pinyon Court, Clarence Center, NY 14032 or crass@roadrunner.com. **NOTE:** Application must be postmarked or emailed no later than April 9, 2022.
Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship Application Form for 2022

Name __________________________________________ Date of Birth ____________

Permanent Address _____________________________________ Phone # ____________

City __________________________ State _______ Zip _______ Cell # ____________

Email Address ________________________________________

Name of parent/guardian ________________________________ Phone # ____________

Address ____________________________________________ City ________________ Zip __________

Please indicate the Scholarship you are applying for (You may only apply for one):

____ The Fran Bainbridge Flight Scholarship
____ The Thomas P. Kopera School Tuition Scholarship

Education History information needed for all Scholarships:

High School __________________________ Date Graduated __________

City, State ___________________________ Zip __________

College Attended/Accepted __________________________ #Years __________

City, State __________________________ Zip __________

Major ______________________________

If Applying for the Fran Bainbridge Flight Training Scholarships (solo flight requirement)

Flight School Name __________________________ Phone# ____________

Address ________________________________ City ________________

State __________________________ Zip ___________ Airport __________

Flight Instructor’s Name __________________________ Phone # __________

Date Started Flying ________________ Solo Date ________________ Log Book Hrs. __________
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List School Accepted or Applied to:

________________________________________________________________________

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

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Applicant’s Signature                                                        Date

Please attach the following:

If Applying for the Fran Bainbridge Flight Scholarship
One Letter of Recommendation from a Flight Instructor/Flight School Official.
One Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or mentor.
Write a 500 word essay addressing all of the following: explain why you have chosen to become a private pilot, what steps you have taken to become a pilot, if you have made any or plan to make any contributions to the Aviation Community, your future interest in Aviation, how you will use your pilot’s license in the future, what do you think is the future of air/space travel in the age of new technology and explain why funding is needed and how you would use the funds if awarded.
Copy of Medical and Student Pilot Certificate required. Solo Flight Requirement.

If Applying for the Thomas P. Kopera School Tuition Scholarship
One Letter of Recommendation from an Individual in the Aviation Community.
One Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or mentor.
A 500-word essay addressing all of the following: explain why you have chosen the field of Aviation/Aerospace, what steps you have taken to achieve these goals, if you have made any or plan to make any contributions to your given field of study, your future plans in your field of study, what do you think is the future of air/space travel in the age of new technology and explain why funding is needed and how you would use the funds if awarded.

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