

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**

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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.

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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