

# Western North Carolina Pilots Association Educational Foundation

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN 2024

If you are interested in applying for an aviation grant from the Western North Carolina Pilots Association Educational Foundation (WNCPAEF), please consider the following information.

**Who is Eligible:** You should live in Western North Carolina, and have a keen, if not proven, interest in aviation and have a financial need.

**Programs and Requirements:** The WNCPAEF is offering grants in three programs described below. These programs encompass a wide range of aviation opportunities and allow for a varying degree of aviation experience from applicants.

**Program A: Pilot Certificate or Rating:** You must show a serious pursuit of a pilot certificate or rating (e.g., recreational to airline transport certificate, instrument rating, etc.). If you are seeking your first certificate, you should have soloed or passed a written test toward that certification or rating.

**Program B: Pilot Familiarization:** For individuals who have little or no experience in aviation. Recipients of a Program B award will receive a grant of \$500 as reimbursement for initial flight training lessons.

**Program C: Aviation Mechanic or Avionics Repairman Certificate:** You must show progress towards satisfying the requirements of the certificate you seek.

**How To Apply:** Our grant application process has moved to an on-line format only. Grant applications will be accepted starting mid-January 2024 until **Monday, April 1, 2024 at 11:59pm**. The application process can be found on our website: [www.wncpaef.org](http://www.wncpaef.org) and clicking on the “**How to Apply for a Grant**” tab.

Attach/Upload two letters of reference (in pdf format, none from a family member) with your application. For Program A, applicants, one reference letter must be from a certified flight instructor (CFI) familiar with your aviation interest and achievements. The on-line application process will ask you to provide the following information, in this order:

- Name, postal address, contact phone number, and email address
- The program you are applying for (Program A, B, or C)
- Education and occupation
- Aviation accomplishments (for Programs A and C)
- Your aviation training objectives
- A plan for completing those objectives
- Community Involvement in Western North Carolina
- A brief explanation as to why financial assistance is needed
- Long-term aviation career plans/aspirations
- Any other information that might be of interest to the Selection Committee

**For any questions related to the grant program or the application process, please contact:**

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Applications must be **received** on or before **Monday, April 1, 2024 at 11:59pm**.

All documents attached/uploaded with your grant application should be in **PDF format**.

You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of your application.

You may be contacted for an interview.

For the most current information on how to apply for a grant, go to: [www.wncpaef.org/grants](http://www.wncpaef.org/grants).