

Western North Carolina Pilots Association Educational Foundation

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT IN 2025

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 Pilot certificate, Instrument rating, etc.). If you are seeking your first certificate, you should have soloed or passed a written FAA exam 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: Airframe and Powerplant Certificate 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 2025 until **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 11:59pm**. The application process can be found on our website: 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 & contact information
- The program you are applying for (Program A, B, or C)
- Education and occupation
- Aviation accomplishments so far (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 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:

Bob Herlin
WNCPAEF Grant Coordinator
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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.