

# The Florida Aviation Historical Society 2018 Scholarship

*(Due: April 30, 2018)*

The Florida Aviation Historical Society (FAHS) is dedicated to preserving Florida's aviation heritage and to promoting Florida aviation, aerospace, and airports. This nonprofit corporation was founded in 1977 in the Tampa Bay area by aviation enthusiasts who joined together to record, honor, and perpetuate Florida's rich aviation heritage. FAHS is Florida's largest aviation historical society with approximately 900 members in 26 states. All of the organization's services are performed by volunteers. FAHS has no paid employees.

Since 1977, FAHS members have built and flown reproductions of some historic aircraft. FAHS's reproduction of the world's first airliner, the 1914 Benoist Airboat, was flown out of St. Petersburg, Florida basin to Tampa by pilot Ed Hoffman, Sr. in 1984. It is on display at the St. Petersburg Museum of History. FAHS celebrated 100 years of this first historic flight in 2014.

The Florida Aviation Historical Society is pleased to provide one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving high school student that has excellent academic achievement and aspires to pursue aviation or aerospace as a field of study at a university, college, or trade school. This scholarship may be used for any educational expenses, including but not limited to tuition, books, fees, and any other educational costs. A check will be sent directly to your school of choice by June 9, 2018. The selected scholarship winner will be invited to attend the FAHS Annual Meeting in 2019 to receive recognition for winning the scholarship.

Scholarships awarded by the FAHS are available based on the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be enrolled as a senior at a high school within Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, or Manatee County.
- Must achieve a minimum of a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Attach unofficial transcript to date as of Fall semester 2017
- Must be accepted as a full time student to a university/trade school for the fall semester 2018 to study aviation, aviation management, aviation science, aerospace, or other aviation-related major. *Please provide proof of your acceptance.*
- Attach 2 reference letters (must be from individuals other than family, such as, a teacher or coach).
- Submit a 1-page paper on the topic provided at the end of the application.
- Must be available on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> or Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> for an interview with FAHS Scholarship Committee.

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## INTRODUCTION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

University/Trade School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College Attended (if dual enrolled) \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

University/trade school attending in Fall 2018: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of aviation do you intend to study: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated tuition and expenses (books and fees) for first year of university/trade school: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any other financial assistance received outside of family support (i.e. other scholarships/grants):

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## EMPLOYMENT

List employment for past 3 years:

*Employer*

*Dates*

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MEMBERSHIPS, VOLUNTEERING, & AWARDS

List all memberships (sports, organizations, clubs, etc.) and leadership positions, if applicable.

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List all volunteering activities and year(s) of volunteering.

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List all academic awards and other achievements.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Please explain how you became interested in aviation.

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Please describe your career aspirations and how you plan to achieve your goals.

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If interviewed, why should you be selected for this scholarship?

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#### PAPER SUBMITTAL

Please submit a 1-page paper (*double-spaced, typed, 12-point font, and in Times New Roman*) on the following topic.

*Aviation history has led to major milestones in not only aviation, but in the ability to achieve success for other businesses around the world. Discuss the importance of aviation history and why it's important to ensure aviation history is not lost or forgotten. Briefly describe an event in aviation history that has changed and/or impacted the way business is conducted today.*

*Please remember to attach your unofficial transcript and 2 reference letters.*

CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that all of the above stated information provided by me is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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***Signature of Applicant***

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***Date***

Please Mail or Email the application to:

Florida Aviation Historical Society  
Care of: Mary Fletcher  
939 Beach Drive NE #604  
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701

Or email your application to: [slepore@vhb.com](mailto:slepore@vhb.com) by April 30, 2018.

Please contact Sierra LePore with any questions regarding the application and its associated criteria.

**Sierra LePore**

FAHS Member

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