



EAST CENTRAL OHIO PILOTS ASSOCIATION
ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation Inc.
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2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. The purpose of the fund is twofold – to award scholarships for flight training to young adults who display the aptitude, talent, drive, and desire to learn to fly; and to help promote the value of General Aviation in the local East Central region of Ohio.
2. The Fund assets and investments shall be administered by the ECOPA Education and Safety Foundation Inc, and will be used solely for the purposes described in these guidelines.
3. Qualified applicants shall be an **American citizen or landed immigrants, East Central Ohio Resident not less than 16 years of age and as of March 1st in the year of application.** Applicants will be assessed on the following basis;
 - A demonstrated keen interest in flying and general aviation in America;
 - A proven self-starter, willing to earn their way;
 - Participation and demonstrated contributions to their community and school as well as demonstrating leadership attributes;
 - Reasonable academic skills as demonstrated by their scholastic record;
 - Ability to obtain a Student permit and/or Medical certificate before the scholarship is awarded;
4. There will be a Selection Committee of not less than five (5) members of ECOPA, of which two shall be members of the Board of Directors of ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation, Inc. One of the five will be appointed as the Chair of the Selection Committee.
5. The Selection Committee will have full and final authority in selecting the winning candidate and to instruct the ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation, Inc. treasurer to disburse funds in accordance with these guidelines:
 - The principle award each year, provided suitable candidates are presented, shall be the “**ab-initio**” award which, funds permitting shall be of sufficient

amount to pay the average cost of ten (10) hours of flight training within the East Central Ohio Region to obtain a Private Pilot's License as an ab-initio candidate. If funds allow, there shall be additional awards each year for lesser amounts as recommended by the Committee, which shall not be limited to ab-initio applicants and may be used for advanced flight training.

- Applicants may be considered eligible for the principle ab-initio scholarship award if they have met the age, citizenship, and other required qualifications of the ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation, Inc. Scholarship application. The decision of the ECOPA Selection Committee shall be final as to qualification and eligibility for all awards.
6. Applications must be post marked on or before the date prescribed. Notice for applications will be published in the ECOPA website or other selected publications, or by a circular sent to area High Schools/Colleges and Flight Schools/Instructors.
 7. The winning candidates will need to obtain a student permit before any scholarship monies are released. The candidate may select a flight training facility, flight club offering primary flight instruction, and/or a flight instructor, subject to the approval of ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation, Inc. The designated Facility, Flight Club, and/or instructor will invoice ECOPA directly for the candidate's training as it progresses. The Scholarship amount is the maximum that will be paid by ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation, Inc. from the fund for the permit, license or endorsement(s) being sought and may not be used for any purposes other than those approved in Section 9 of these Guidelines. Unused amounts at the completion of training, if any, will remain in the Fund for future awards. The ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation, Inc. administrator may exercise judgment as to whether training can be deferred for a reasonable period and which courses are eligible for payment under these guidelines.
 8. Training should be completed within a reasonable period of time, usually one year from commencement. In the event the recipient does not make satisfactory progress, or does not conduct himself or herself in a manner consistent with the standards and objectives of the Fund, ECOPA shall have the right to revoke the award and to cease paying any further costs of training. Progress reports from the training facility shall be provided to ECOPA if requested.
 9. Eligible costs of training will include the following for both ab-initio and advanced training;
 - Costs of aircraft rental
 - Cost of instructor time.

Costs which are not eligible will, without limitation, include the following:

- Tuition costs at secondary or post-secondary schools, including colleges and universities. Those seeking assistance with such costs should apply to the

Scholarship and bursary programs usually available through those institutions;

- Ground School;
- Training books;
- Personal meals or transportation to and from the training facility;
- Clothing;
- Aviation equipment or supplies.

ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation, Inc. shall have final authority to define and approve authorized costs or expenditures.

Applications and essay shall be mailed to the ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3130, Alliance OH 44601 and shall be postmarked before March 30 of each year. The winners will be notified on or about April 30, of each year.

Following is the application to be filled out by the applicant:

ECOPA Education & Safety Foundation

2018 Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____

Postal Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Age: _____ Yrs. Date of Birth: _____

I meet the criteria for the Ab-initio Scholarship: Yes ___ No ___

1. **Last grade or University/College year completed / Scholastic Achievement:**
(Please attach a copy of your final report/grade points for the term above and any other pertinent information about your scholastic record to date.)
2. **Describe your aviation training (include permit/license number if attained) and experience, if any, to date and/or your interest in aviation, including your plans for the future.**
3. **Please provide letters of recommendation from two (2) adult non-relatives in support of your application. It would be helpful if these referenced your aviation or community work to date. One page from each would be sufficient. The full name, address and telephone number of each recommender would be appreciated.**
4. **Please describe for the Selection Committee a one-page typed or hand written summary (maximum 550 words) on "How Achieving a Pilot's Certificate Will Benefit My Life"**

(Please attach additional sheets as required)

Signed: _____

Date: _____