

SUMMARY

The David H Jett Aviation Scholarship is a flight scholarship for juniors ahead of their senior year in the flight program at Western Michigan Aviation Academy. This scholarship is established to award ANY motivated student working towards their goal to be a career aviator with a financial need. The recipient must demonstrate passion, dedication and commitment to pursue an aviation related degree beyond high school. This scholarship is intended to encourage and facilitate a student's interests in aviation. The awarded funds will only be used for private pilot flight training at WMAA.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Current Junior at West Michigan Aviation Academy
- Pursuing the opportunity to earn a private pilot license within the WMAA flight training program
- Must maintain both good standing with the WMAA Student Code of Conduct & WMAA Flight Training Expectations
- Proof of acquired 3rd Class Medical or higher
- Proof of passing FAA Written exam for Private Pilot pending - will not have score by application deadline, but will be required to pass to qualify for awarded scholarship funds.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application materials should be submitted as one PDF document that includes:

- A completed application form (see below)
- One letter of recommendation (cannot be from WMAA faculty or family member)
- Please provide typed/ short answer response to the following:
 - List community outreach/volunteer activities and why you are involved in them
 - List clubs/extra-curricular activities you have been involved during high school
 - List aviation industry events, experiences, visits you have participated in (i.e. lunch & learns, etc)
- Please provide 500 word essay answering these two questions:
 - Why have you chosen to pursue an aviation career? What are your future aviation aspirations?
- Proof of passing FAA Written exam for Private Pilot
- Proof of acquired 3rd Class Medical or higher
- The selection committee will review all complete applications submitted by the deadline.
- The scholarship is awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age or national origin.

AMOUNT

Two students will be awarded \$2500 scholarship each annually.

Scholarship funds will be credited to the student's SkyManager account at the start of their Senior year, pending all requirements have been met.

TIMELINE

- February 2, 2026 - The David H. Jett Scholarship application opens
- March 2, 2026 - The David H. Jett Scholarship applications are due
- May 19, 2026 - The David H. Jett Scholarship winners announced at the Spring Awards Assembly

WMAAF

The West Michigan Aviation Academy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 2019 in support of West Michigan Aviation Academy. The Foundation's role is to cultivate donors and private philanthropy, raising the additional money needed to fund priorities set by West Michigan Aviation Academy.

WMAAF ADDRESS:

A: 5363 44th Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

E: scholarships@wmaafoundation.org W: wmaafoundation.org

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING

DATE OF REGISTRATION

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name :

Email :

Address :

City : State : Zip Code :

Weighted 5th Semester GPA Current Grade Level

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- Please provide 500 word essay answering these two questions:
 - Why have you chosen to pursue an aviation career? What are your future aviation aspirations?
 - A letter of recommendation from someone you have worked or volunteered with / may not be a WMAA faculty member or family member
- Proof of acquired 3rd class or higher medical
- Proof of passing FAA Written exam for PPL-will not have score by application deadline, but will be required to pass to qualify for awarded scholarship funds

SIGNATURE

All of the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information stated on this form. I also understand that any falsified information is cause to revoke any further scholarship funds, and could result in repayment of any monies already paid.

By signing below, we grant West Michigan Aviation Academy staff permission to share free or reduced lunch status information with the scholarship committee for the sole purpose of identifying demonstrated financial need.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

SUBMIT APPLICATION

Please submit your application, along with all necessary documentation, to the West Michigan Aviation Academy Foundation at scholarships@wmaafoundation.org no later than March 2, 2026 at 4:00pm.