

SUMMARY

Frey Foundation Aviation Scholarships for West Michigan Aviation Academy (WMAA) is a need-based scholarship offered to juniors ahead of their senior year in the flight program at West Michigan Aviation Academy. Awarded funds may only be used for private pilot flight training at WMAA. The Frey Foundation Scholarship is for students who are approved to receive free and reduced lunch. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will have access to additional financial benefits, such as college application fee waivers, reduced cost AP exams, and no cost SAT. To fill out a free/reduced lunch application, please go to <https://www.westmichiganaviation.org/parents/food-service>. For additional information or questions about Free and Reduced Lunch please contact Mrs. Iacco.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have Free and Reduced Lunch status within the current school year
- Financial need
- Current Junior at West Michigan Aviation Academy
- Pursuing the opportunity to earn a private pilot license within the WMAA flight training program
- Demonstrated passion for the field of aviation
- Must maintain both good standing with the WMAA Student Code of Conduct & WMAA Flight Training Expectations
- Proof of acquired 3rd Class Medical or higher

APPLICATION PROCESS

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

- Free and Reduced Lunch status documentation
- A completed application form (see below)
- A copy of the 5th semester transcript
- One video submission, provided as public YouTube link (2 minutes or less), answering the following prompt:
 - Tell a story that highlights your interest or passion for aviation.
- A letter of recommendation from a non-family member outside the WMAA community.
- 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

Students may be awarded up to \$2,500 towards a solo scholarship at the beginning of the Fall semester of their senior year. 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 - Solo Flight Training Scholarship application opens
- March 2, 2026 - Solo Flight Training Scholarship applications are due
- May 19, 2026 - Solo Flight Training 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

Number of family members in household: Free & Reduced Lunch Status Approved

APPLICATION

Please type out and attach professional responses to the following questions:

- Please describe your goals and aspirations within the aviation profession.
- List school, community, or religious activities in which you have participated.
- List special awards or honors that you have received. List the most recent first.
- List sports and extra-curricular clubs in which you participate.
- List the organizations outside of school for which you volunteer.
- List and describe all aviation-related activities you have participated in during your high school years, both within and outside of the formal school setting.
- Please share any factors that might pose a barrier to you/your family to afford the WMAA Flight School Training. We would appreciate an update on anything happening with you/your immediate family that might affect your family's ability to provide funding for the program. As a need-based scholarship we are considering all types of extenuating circumstances during these times that could impact your family and you, in order to pay for the training.

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.