

SUMMARY

The Secchia Family Service Scholarship is a flight training scholarship for juniors ahead of their senior year in the flight program at West Michigan Aviation Academy. This scholarship is for students who are pursuing an aviation career rooted in service such as the military, mission field, law enforcement, AeroMed, air ambulance, or other. Awarded funds may 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
- Demonstrated passion for the field of aviation and service.
- Must maintain both good standing with the WMAA Student Code of Conduct & WMAA Flight Training Expectations
- Proof of acquired third 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)
- Proof of acquired 3rd Class Medical or higher
- Documentation of volunteer hours completed while attending WMAA
 - Documentation Log: This scholarship requires documentation of volunteer hours acquired thus far from your years attending West Michigan Aviation Academy. Proof of volunteer hours may be demonstrated by obtaining your current volunteer log from the WMAA front office or providing documentation as required for NHS members. This log should demonstrate that you are on track to meet the 100 volunteer hour requirement for graduation from WMAA (roughly 50 hours already acquired).
- A reference letter from a non-family member/non-WMAA faculty who has overseen your work in community service
- One video submission, provided as public YouTube link (2 minutes or less), answering the following prompt:
 - Describe your flight plan for the future. Why have chosen to pursue an aviation career in a field of service? Why is it important to you?
- 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

There will be two \$2,500 scholarships awarded. 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 - Secchia Family Service Scholarship application opens
- March 2, 2026 - Secchia Family Service Scholarship applications are due
- May 19, 2026 - Secchia Family Service 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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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.