



The Ninety-Nines®

Indiana Chapter

Scholarship Information and Application Packet
2026 Scholarship Cycle
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Private Pilot/Student Pilot • Instrument
Commercial/Multi-Engine • CFI • CFII

Applications due: September 15th, 2026

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Scholarship Program Overview

The Indiana Chapter of The Ninety-Nines®, in partnership with Republic Airways, is proud to offer scholarships designed to encourage, support, and advance women pursuing their aviation goals.

The Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots has championed the advancement of women in aviation since its founding in 1929. The Indiana Chapter continues that mission by fostering mentorship, education, scholarship, and community among women pilots and aviation professionals throughout the state.

Through the generous support of Republic Airways, these scholarships seek to reduce financial barriers to flight training and aviation education while recognizing individuals who demonstrate dedication, leadership, and a commitment to the aviation community. Whether an applicant is taking her first steps toward a pilot certificate or continuing advanced training and professional development, the Indiana Chapter believes that investing in women at every stage of their aviation journey strengthens the future of our industry.

These scholarships are open exclusively to women pilots and aspiring women aviators who are current members of The Ninety-Nines. Applicants may be pursuing aviation goals at any stage of training or experience, from initial certification through advanced ratings and instructional credentials, provided they meet the eligibility requirements for the specific scholarship for which they are applying.

While these scholarships are administered by the Indiana Chapter, applicants are not required to reside in the State of Indiana. Women pilots from any geographic location are encouraged to apply, provided they meet the eligibility requirements for the specific scholarship for which they are applying.

We are honored to partner with Republic Airways in supporting the next generation of women in aviation and celebrating the passion, perseverance, and service that define The Ninety-Nines.

General Eligibility

Applicants must:

- **Be a current member of The Ninety-Nines (any chapter).**
- Be a woman pilot (this includes student pilots).
- Meet the eligibility requirements for the specific scholarship sought.
- Submit all required application materials by the stated deadline.

General Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- **Completed application form**
- **Resume**
- **One or two letters of recommendation**
- **Aviation Goals Statement (250–500 words)**
 - Describe your aviation goals, your long-term career plans, and explain how this scholarship will support your progress
- **Essay (approximately 500 words)**
 - Essay Prompt: Describe your involvement with The Ninety-Nines, including past participation, leadership, or engagement with the organization. Additionally, explain how you plan to continue or expand your involvement both during and after acceptance of this scholarship award.

Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship selection committee. The committee will evaluate each application holistically, taking into consideration the applicant's commitment to aviation, engagement with The Ninety-Nines, clarity of aviation goals, and the quality and completeness of submitted materials.

We recognize that every pilot's journey is unique. Applicants will be considered within the context of their individual experiences, achievements, and circumstances. Financial need, perseverance in overcoming obstacles, and demonstrated dedication to continued flight training may also be taken into account during the evaluation process.

All decisions of the scholarship selection committee are final. The committee reserves the right not to award a scholarship in a given category if no applicant is determined to sufficiently meet the established criteria.

Recipient Expectations

Scholarship recipients are expected to remain engaged with The Ninety-Nines and to serve as ambassadors for the mission of the organization. Within one year of receiving scholarship funds, recipients must submit a brief "Year in Review" update to the Indiana Chapter of The Ninety-Nines describing how the scholarship funds were used, their progress toward the applicable certificate or rating, and their continued involvement with The Ninety-Nines.

Examples of involvement may include participation in chapter activities, volunteer service, mentorship, committee work, attendance at meetings or events, or other contributions that support the mission of The Ninety-Nines.

Recipients who do not submit the required Year in Review update within the designated timeframe will not be eligible for future scholarship consideration through the Indiana Chapter until the requirement has been fulfilled.

Important Dates

- Application Opens: July 1st, 2026
- **Application Deadline: September 15th, 2026**
- Award Notification: October 3rd, 2026

Submission Instructions

Submit all application materials as a single PDF to:

Erin Hammer, Chair

Indiana Chapter of The Ninety-Nines

Email: indiananinetynines@gmail.com

Subject Line: *NN99/Republic Airways Scholarship Application – [Applicant Name]*

Contact Information

Erin Hammer, Chair

Indiana Chapter of The Ninety-Nines

indiananinetynines@gmail.com

Private Pilot/Student Pilot Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Purpose

This scholarship is awarded to a current member of The Ninety-Nines who is actively pursuing her Private Pilot Certificate. Applicants must be in good standing as a Ninety-Nines member at the time of application and award. The scholarship is intended to support the foundational phase of flight training by helping to offset expenses such as aircraft rental, instructor time, and essential study materials. By reducing financial barriers, this award supports the development of skill, confidence, and long-term commitment to aviation.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current member of The Ninety-Nines.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Hold a valid FAA medical certificate appropriate to their training goals, if required.
- Be actively pursuing a Private Pilot Certificate.

Instrument Rating Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Purpose

This scholarship is awarded to a Ninety-Nines member who has obtained her Private Pilot Certificate and is actively working toward her Instrument Rating. Active membership in The Ninety-Nines is a required eligibility criterion. The funds are intended to assist with the specialized training necessary to operate safely and proficiently in instrument meteorological conditions. This award supports the advancement of technical proficiency, aeronautical decision-making, and overall aviation safety.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current member of The Ninety-Nines.
- Hold a Private Pilot Certificate.
- Be actively training toward an Instrument Rating.
- Have begun instrument instruction prior to the application deadline.
- Be current and eligible to continue flight training.

Commercial & Multi-Engine Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Purpose

This scholarship is awarded to a Ninety-Nines member pursuing her Commercial Pilot Certificate or multi-engine rating. Applicants must be current members of The Ninety-Nines in good standing. The award is designed to help offset the substantial costs associated with advanced flight training, including time-building and multi-engine instruction. This scholarship supports the development of professional-level skills and recognizes a pilot's commitment to advancing toward a career in aviation.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current member of The Ninety-Nines.
- Hold a Private Pilot Certificate.
- Be actively pursuing:
 - a Commercial Pilot Certificate,
 - a Multi-Engine Rating, or both.
- Be enrolled in or have initiated training toward the requested certificate or rating.

Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Purpose

This scholarship is awarded to a Ninety-Nines member seeking her Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) certification. Ninety-Nines membership is required for eligibility. The funds are intended to support the rigorous training and preparation necessary to become an effective aviation educator. This award highlights the importance of instructional excellence and supports those who are dedicated to mentoring, teaching, and strengthening the aviation community.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current member of The Ninety-Nines.
- Hold a Commercial Pilot Certificate.
- Be actively pursuing initial CFI certification.

Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII) Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1,000

Purpose

This scholarship is awarded to a Ninety-Nines member pursuing her Certified Flight Instructor – Instrument (CFII) certification. Applicants must be active members of The Ninety-Nines. The scholarship is intended to assist with the advanced training required to instruct instrument students and to further refine instructional capabilities in complex operating environments. This award recognizes a strong commitment to both technical mastery and educational leadership within aviation.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a current member of The Ninety-Nines.
- Hold a Commercial Pilot Certificate and Instrument Rating.
- Hold a current Flight Instructor Certificate or be scheduled to complete CFI certification before using scholarship funds.
- Be actively pursuing CFII certification.



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Scholarship Application Form **2026 Scholarship Cycle**

Please complete all sections of this form and include it as the first page of your application packet.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Ninety-Nines Chapter Affiliation: _____

Scholarship Category

Please select the scholarship for which you are applying. Applicants may apply for only one scholarship per application cycle.

- ☐ Private Pilot / Student Pilot Scholarship
- ☐ Instrument Rating Scholarship
- ☐ Commercial Pilot / Multi-Engine Scholarship
- ☐ Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) Scholarship
- ☐ Certified Flight Instructor – Instrument (CFII) Scholarship



Current Pilot Certificate(s) Held:

- ☐ None / Student Pilot
☐ Private Pilot
☐ Commercial Pilot
☐ Flight Instructor (CFI)
☐ Other: _____

Current Ratings Held (if applicable):

- ☐ Instrument Rating
☐ Multi-Engine Rating
☐ Other: _____

Certificate or Rating Currently Pursuing:

Flight School or Training Provider (if applicable):

Flight Instructor Name (if applicable):

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application and accompanying materials is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that scholarship recipients are expected to submit a Year in Review update describing how scholarship funds were used and how they remained engaged with The Ninety-Nines. Failure to fulfill recipient obligations may affect eligibility for future scholarship consideration through the Indiana Chapter of The Ninety-Nines.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____