APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

Learning to fly doesn't have to be financially draining. There are a variety of scholarships available through different organizations that you can apply for.

Here is a good guideline to follow when applying for scholarships:

1.   FINDING A SCHOLARSHIP:

Things to Consider:

When looking for a scholarship that best suits your needs, it is important to take the following into account:

Your Goals:
Make sure you are choosing a scholarship that lines up with your goals and what you hope to achieve as a pilot.

Eligibility:
Many organizations and sponsors list certain eligibility requirements an applicant must meet in order to apply. Make sure you fit the criteria before applying.

Requirements and Conditions:
Some scholarships may outline certain requirements or conditions you must uphold before, throughout and after your training. Make sure you will be able to meet these requirements and commit to their conditions.

Deadlines:
Take note of scholarship deadlines. Make sure the deadline has not passed and you give yourself adequate time to fully complete your application.

Getting Started:

On page 2, there is a list of organizations that offer aviation related scholarships. This is a good starting point when looking for scholarships and financial aid.

Organization	Link to Scholarships
AAERO	https://www.aaero.com/aviation-scholarships/
Able Flight	https://ableflight.org/scholarships
AeroClub of New England (ACONE)	https://www.acone.org/content.aspx
Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA)	http://www.alpa.org/campaigns/alpa-scholarship-program
Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA)	https://www.atca.org/scholarship
Aircraft Electrontics Association (AEA)	https://www.aea.net/educationalfoundation/scholarships.asp
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)	https://www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/learn-to-fly/aviation-scholarships
Airline Dispatchers Federation (ADF)	https://www.dispatcher.org/newsletters/2018-scholarship
American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)	https://www.aaae.org/aaae/AAAEMemberResponsive/About_AAAE/AAAE_Foundation/Copy_of_Scholarship_Details.aspx
Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance (AWAM)	https://www.awam.org/content.aspx
Civil Air Patrol (CAP)	https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cadetinvest/flight-scholarships
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU)	https://worldwide.erau.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/
Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)	https://www.eaa.org/eaa/youth/scholarships
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	https://www.faa.gov/education/grants_and_scholarships/aviation/
Figure 1 Foundation	http://www.figure1foundation.com/apply
International Aerobatic Club (IAC)	https://www.iac.org/scholarships
International Council of Air Shows Foundation (ICAS)	https://icasfoundation.org/scholarships/
Ladies Love Taildraggers (LLT)	https://www.ladieslovetaildraggers.com/category/scholarships/
National Business Aviation Association (NBAA)	https://nbaa.org/professional-development/scholarships/

National Coalition for Aviation and Space Education	http://www.aviationeducation.org/index.php/scholarships-awards2
National Gay Pilots Association (NGPA)	https://www.ngpa.org/scholarships?locale=en_us
Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP)	https://www.obap.org/scholarship
Out of the Blue	http://www.outoftheblue.us/apply/
Sporty's Academy	https://sportysacademy.com/scholarships/
The Airmanship Foundation	https://www.airmanshipfoundation.org/youth-students
The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation	https://leroywhomerjr.org/scholarships/application/
The Ninety Nines (99's)	https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm
University Aviation Association (UAA)	https://www.uaa.aero/scholarships.php
Women in Aviation International (WAI)	https://www.wai.org/education/scholarships
Women Pilots of New England	https://womenpilotsnewengland.org/available-scholarships/
Women Soaring Pilots Association (WSPA)	http://www.womensoaring.org/?p=info

2. APPLYING:

Once you have found a scholarship that fits your goals and needs, you can begin the application process.

Read the Instructions:

Not all scholarship applications are set up the same. That is why it is so important to read and understand the directions provided. Printing out the instructions and creating an outline can help you stay organized and make sure you aren't missing anything before you submit your application.
Some scholarships also require references or letters of recommendation. Make sure you ask permission to use someone as a reference and give them enough time to write a letter of recommendation.

Do Some Research:

When applying for scholarships, it's a good idea to do some background research on the organization or sponsor awarding the scholarship. By knowing the organization's mission and goals, you can strengthen your application by connecting them to your own.

Time Management:

Plan ahead and give yourself enough time to complete your application. Make sure you pay attention to deadlines and submit your application in a timely manner.

Ask Questions:

If you have a question about your application, ask someone about it. Many scholarships have designated individuals listed on the application you can get in contact with if you have any questions.

"Measure Twice, Cut Once":

Always read over your application before submitting. Make sure you have completely filled out the application and answered all questions. It may also be a good idea to have someone else read over your paper to catch any errors you may have missed. Once you are happy with how your application looks, you can submit it to the appropriate address.