

ABOUT THE ABLE FLIGHT™ “MINI” SCHOLARSHIP

Able Flight’s mission is to offer people with disabilities a unique way to challenge themselves through flight training, and by doing so, to gain greater self-confidence and self-reliance.

Able Flight Mini Scholarships are designed for individuals who seek a challenging flight training experience, but who do not seek a Sport Pilot certificate. The mini scholarship is also designed for licensed pilots who have become disabled and seek to transition to Sport Pilot flying privileges.

Scholarship criteria:

1. The applicant must be willing to commit to a very challenging and demanding flight training experience that will be conducted over a one week period. **Applicants must be able to schedule approximately 7 days for travel to, and instruction at a flight training facility.** The Able Flight “Mini” Scholarship covers approximately 5 hours of in-flight training.
2. Award recipients must agree to allow accounts of their flight training experience to be used in print and electronic media (this includes text, still and video images).
3. Applicants must be at least 17 years old at the beginning of training, and a United States citizen.
4. Scholarships are valid for training only at Able Flight selected and approved flight schools.
5. Scholarships include all flight training, and transportation and lodging as required. Able Flight will make arrangements for transportation and lodging if required.
6. Upon submission, applications will receive an initial review, with some applications selected for follow-up phone interviews. Awards will then be determined by the Able Flight Scholarship Review Committee.
7. Upon notification of award, recipient will be contacted by an Able Flight representative to schedule attendance at flight training. Training will be offered at several locations throughout the United States.
8. Scholarship recipients are notified of their selection by phone, with additional information provided via email. Recipients will be required to provide their Social Security # to the flight school prior to beginning training.
9. If an applicant provides false information on the application, it will void the scholarship.

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Application Checklist:

Applications that are not complete in every way will not be considered for an award.

Please assemble the following required items in this order:

After completing all items for the application, sign and date this form, and include a copy of this form as the first sheet of your application.

Be sure to sign the application, and provide the required attachments in the following order:

Attach a statement from your physician (see application for instructions).

Attach a photocopy of your driver’s license.

NOTE: Applicants who will be using this training to transition from an existing pilot certificate to flying as a Sport Pilot must hold a current and valid driver’s license issued by their state.

Attach your essay (see application for instructions).

Attach a letter of recommendation (see application for instructions).

By checking this box and signing this form, and should your application be accepted for further review, you agree to be interviewed by an Able Flight representative. This interview will be conducted by phone. You also agree that, should you be selected for an award, you may be interviewed for print and electronic media in order to help publicize the Able Flight Scholarship awards program.

Applicant’s signature _____ Date _____

A signed copy of this checklist must be included with your application.

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MINI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications are accepted at any time.

1. Personal Information:

Full Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Work phone:

E-mail address:

2. Work History (last 5 years):

Employer(s):

Position(s):

Date(s):

3. Previous flight training experience? [] yes [] no

If answered yes to above, please list ratings and flight schools attended.

Ratings:

Flight school(s) attended:

4. Personal Achievements:

A. List school, community and/or business associations in which you are currently or were previously active. (Place a check mark next to the ones in which you are currently active.)

B. Scholastic Record - List all grades completed starting with highest level.

School:

Location:

Graduation date:

C. Write and attach a 300-500 word essay describing how you feel an Able Flight Scholarship will change your life.

5. Supporting documents and letters of recommendation:

A. Attach a statement from your attending physician stating the nature of your disability and the effect(s) of the disability upon your level of physical activity. The physician's statement must be submitted with your application.

****VERY IMPORTANT: YOU MUST NOT INCLUDE ANY MEDICAL RECORDS OF ANY TYPE.****

B. Provide a letter of recommendation. It can from someone who has known you for a number of years, (for example, a teacher, associate from work, etc.), **or** from a family member (for example a parent, spouse, or a sibling), **or** from a close friend. The letter must be submitted with your application. Please have the writer provide a phone number or e-mail address by which they can be contacted. Please have the writer state their relationship to you.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date** _____

Please check to make sure that you have completed **all** of the items on the checklist and send your application to:

Able Flight, Inc.
Scholarship Application
91 Oak Leaf Lane
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Please be patient as your application is reviewed (calls and/or emails on application status are not accepted). After review, all applicants will receive a response concerning the status of their application.