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Thunder in the Valley Air Show To Award Flight Training Scholarship

*Winning Recipient Will Be Chosen Based on the Best Tweetable Answer to
#IfICouldFlyIWould*

Columbus, Ga., February 12, 2014 – Thunder in the Valley Air Show will award a \$2,000 flight training scholarship to a student who is currently enrolled in a high school within the Chattahoochee Valley and wants to pursue an FAA sport, recreational or private pilot certificate. Applicants are to submit a “tweetable” (140 characters or less) completion to the statement, “If I could fly, I would ... (#IfICouldFlyIWould).

The deadline to complete the online application is Friday, March 7, 2014. A committee of Thunder in the Valley officials will select the best response and award the scholarship at the March 15-16 air show. The scholarship award will be paid directly to an approved flight school that the scholarship winner selects for his or her flight training.

The scholarship is sponsored by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and The Bowick Group, LLC. “We created this scholarship to generate increased awareness and excitement about flying and general aviation among high school students in the Chattahoochee Valley, as we approach this year’s Thunder in the Valley Air Show,” said Chris Bowick, Founder of The Bowick Group, LLC. “It will provide some eager high school student with an excellent jump-start toward realizing his or her dream of flying.”

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident.
2. Be at least 16 years old as of March 16, 2014.
3. Be a current high school student at an accredited high school in one of the following counties: Georgia: Chattahoochee, Harris, Muscogee, Troup and Stewart; Alabama: Barbour, Chambers, Lee and Russell. The student must be enrolled at both the time of application and when the scholarship is awarded.
4. Obtain a student pilot certificate prior to redeeming the scholarship and beginning flight training at an FAA certified flight school.
5. Must not have completed the FAA practical test/check ride for any FAA pilot certificate at the time of application.
6. Meet the application deadline of March 7, 2014, by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the online application at www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com/scholarship/. Paper applications will not be accepted.

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2. At the bottom of the application, submit a “tweetable” (140 characters or less via Twitter) entry that follows the hashtag #IfICouldFlyIWould. NOTE: If your submission is too long (more than 140 characters) to be tweeted directly on Twitter, it will not be accepted.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I submit more than one scholarship application?

No, only one application and tweet will be considered.

What is a student pilot certificate and how do I get one?

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issues a student pilot certificate. You can obtain a student pilot certificate from an [aviation medical examiner \(AME\)](#), a designated pilot examiner (DPE) or an [FAA Flight Standards District Office \(FSDO\)](#). Visiting an AME is the most common method for obtaining a student pilot certificate, especially for those seeking a private or recreational pilot certificate. In these cases, the AME will issue your student pilot certificate as part of the aviation medical exam. If you are pursuing a sport pilot certificate and won't be getting an aviation medical exam, your flight school or instructor can direct you to a local DPE and/or FSDO in order to get your student pilot certificate.

I currently hold a private pilot certificate to fly gliders and I am now working toward my private pilot certificate for airplanes. Can I apply for this scholarship?

If you already hold a pilot certificate of any type (other than an FAA student pilot certificate), you are NOT eligible for this scholarship. Only students training for their initial pilot certificate may apply.

Do I have to be enrolled in an aviation program or flight school now to apply?

No, there is no requirement to be currently enrolled in an accredited aviation program or college to apply. Additionally, you do not need to have aviation career aspirations to apply.

Do I have to attend the Air Show to receive the scholarship?

No, you do not need to attend Thunder in the Valley Air Show to be eligible and receive the scholarship. If the winner is not in attendance, their name will still be announced during the event.

Where can the scholarship be redeemed?

The scholarship can be redeemed at any FAA Certified Flight School of your choice. Once the scholarship is awarded, just let us know your choice of flight schools, and we will ensure the Flight School works with you and our sponsors to ensure your \$2000.00 scholarship credit. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the approved flight school that the scholarship winner selects to take their flight training.

I know a local independent flight instructor. Can I redeem the scholarship through him or her?

No. The scholarship can only be redeemed through an FAA Certified flight school.

I have a question that isn't addressed above. How can I get my question answered?

For scholarship-related questions, please email chris@thebowickgroup.com. For other inquiries, visit the Thunder in the Valley website at www.thunderinthevalley.com.

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About Thunder in the Valley Air Show

The Thunder in the Valley Air Show began in 1997 as a local fly-in for aviation enthusiasts and has grown to become one of the largest outdoor family events in the Chattahoochee Valley, thanks to the efforts of more than 600 dedicated volunteers – both groups and individuals. The Air Show brings in top performers from across the United States, all paid for by local and regional sponsors whose products and services are exposed to an average of 13,000 guests each day of the Show, and included in advertising that reaches hundreds of thousands before the event. National attention has been given to the Thunder in the Valley Air Show by the International Council of Air Shows for excellence in marketing. The Thunder in the Valley Air Show is a fun, family event with proceeds going to youth organizations in the Chattahoochee Valley. For more information on the event or how you can become a sponsor, visit www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com.

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