

2023 Flying Scholarship Application Form



About Recreational Aviation Australia Scholarships

RAAus actively supports the future of aviation in Australia with scholarships being just one of the ways we support people in the aviation industry.

Applying for a Scholarship

Please ensure that you read this form carefully before submitting your application. Incomplete applications will not progress.

Scholarship categories

Flying scholarships are offered in two categories:

Airservices scholarship – Airservices awards 10 scholarships at \$2,500. The scholarship is awarded to students who are 15 years of age by 1 January of the year they commence training and will not have turned 21 by 31 December of that year.

RAAus scholarship – RAAus scholarships are open to all ages. The number of scholarships awarded is dependent on the available funds.

Applicants must be a full flying financial member of Recreational Aviation Australia.

Submitting your application

Applications can be submitted either electronically to scholarships@raaus.com.au (bearing the subject line "Scholarship Application"), or by post to Scholarships, Recreational Aviation Australia, PO Box 1265, Fyshwick ACT 2609.

To assist us in correctly assessing each application please ensure that the application is complete before submitting it to our office. If for any reason requested information is not applicable, please mark the form accordingly.

Applications must be received no later than 5pm on 31 March 2023.

Availability of scholarship funds

If you are a successful applicant, funds will be made available from 1 July 2023. Payment for flights and landing fees before 1 July 2023 remain the responsibility of the applicant.

Applicants must complete their training within **12 months** of receipt of scholarship funds. However, in exceptional circumstances, students who require more time can apply to the panel for an extension.

Ineligible Applicants

1. Previous recipients of an RAAus scholarship
2. Close relatives of current RAAus Board or staff members
3. Applicants with foreknowledge that they may, for scholarship purposes, have to undergo instruction or testing by a relative

Application Evaluation Process

Applications will be assessed by an independent panel and will be graded solely on the basis of the published selection criteria. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing. The panel's gradings will remain confidential, applicants are welcome to request feedback.

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Personal details		
RAAus Membership Number	Date of birth	Age
Last name	Title Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Other:	
Given names	Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Residential address		
Suburb	State	Postcode
Postal address (if different)		
Suburb	State	Postcode
Phone (M)	Phone (H)	
Email		
Previous scholarship applicant Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

Flight Training School where intended training is to be conducted		
Applicant Logbook Hours	Solo	Dual
Scholarship type	<input type="checkbox"/> Flying - Under 25y	<input type="checkbox"/> Flying - Over 25y

Applicant Declaration or Parent/Guardian Consent (for applicants under 18)

I, _____, understand that Airservices Australia (ASA) and Recreational Aviation Australia (RAAus) will accept no liability during any phase of mine or my child's scholarship training. In the event of my application being successful, I consent to ASA and RAAus publishing my or my child's name, age, town, photograph and training progression details for related promotional and reporting purposes.

I, _____, certify that I fully and unconditionally agree to indemnify ASA and RAAus, its officers, directors and members against all liability resulting from any injury, death or damage that may be sustained by me or my child while undergoing flying instruction or related scholarship-funded activities.

Applicant signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

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Application Requirements and Selection Criteria

1. ☐ I am a full flying financial member of Recreational Aviation Australia.
2. Provide a self-authored essay (limit of 1,000 words) on why you wish to learn to fly and how you propose to use the experience (or qualification) when it is gained.

3. Provide insight, in your own words (limit of 500 words) as to your need for financial assistance.

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4. ☐ I have undergone at least three hours of formal flight training in an RAAus aircraft.
5. Supply a written recommendation from your CFI accompanied by a copy of your student training records.
☐ Recommendation and training records attached.
6. Must provide two references (limit of 500 words) from non-family members (e.g. instructor, licensed pilot who has taken you flying, school teacher, community leader etc.). **CFI recommendation letter NOT included.**
☐ Two references attached.
7. Be able to demonstrate a sustained commitment to aviation in general. Evidence of this could take the form of ongoing organisation membership (e.g. Air Cadets), member of an RAAus club, hobbies or school/education subject selections. Please provide details below.
8. Under the age of 18 years, **must** provide written and signed parental/guardian consent to allow you to undertake RAAus flying training in addition to the above-mentioned application form.
☐ Attached (if required).
9. If not a holder of a driver's licence, provide written and signed confirmation (from a parent or guardian if under 18) that you meet the medical requirement for the issue of a motor vehicle driver's licence.
☐ Copy of driver's licence or written confirmation attached.
10. Applicants must not have been issued with a pilot certificate from RAAus.
☐ I have never been issued with a pilot certificate from RAAus or similar qualification.

Expectations

RAAus and Airservices expect that scholarship recipients will:

1. Use scholarship funds exclusively for the purposes of covering costs associated with RAAus aircraft hire, flying instruction, and landing fees within an RAAus Flight Training School
 2. Inform RAAus (preferably, in advance) of extenuating circumstances that have (or could) delay or prevent their training progression
 3. Possess the necessary English language skills and general aptitude to facilitate their education
 4. Scholarship winners will also agree to participate in ongoing surveys and evaluation activities after completion of your scholarship.
- ☐ I have read and acknowledge the above expectations