

# Aero Club of Buffalo

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## Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship Program

Dear Applicant:

We would like to congratulate you on your aviation pursuits and the decision to participate in the 2019 Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship Award process. We will be awarding **one \$2,500 Scholarship and two (2) \$2,000 Scholarships.**

- #1 (NEW SCHOLARSHIP) The NEC/AAAE International Snow Symposium/Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship**  
\$2,500 to a flight student pursuing a private pilot or higher certificate OR to be used toward a post-secondary degree program or other training. There is no age limit for this scholarship, however, the applicant must be a WNY resident as defined below. *Funding for this scholarship is generously supported by NEC/AAAE International Snow Symposium and by the Aero Club of Buffalo Members.*
- #2 (NEWLY NAMED SCHOLARSHIP) The Fran Bainbridge Flight Training Scholarship**  
\$2,000 to a flight student pursuing a private pilot or higher certificate. \* Applicants for this scholarship must be between the ages of 16-25 and be living within the WNY region as defined below. *Funding for this scholarship is generously supported by the Aero Club of Buffalo Members.*
- #3 The Thomas Kopera Post-Secondary School Tuition Assistance Scholarship**  
\$2,000 to be used toward a post-secondary degree program or other training. \* Applicants for this scholarship must be between the ages of 16-25 and be living within the WNY region as defined below. *Funding for this scholarship is generously supported by the Aero Club of Buffalo Members.*

All scholarships will be awarded at the Niagara Aerospace Museum's **Hall of Fame Dinner** to be held at Protocol Restaurant, 6766 Transit Road, Amherst, New York, on May 10, 2019. The winner of the NEC/AAAE Snow Symposium/Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship will also be asked to receive their award at the NEC/AAAE Snow Symposium Conference at the end of April/beginning of May 2019.

**To be eligible for consideration, candidates must meet the following criteria:**

- Western New York defined by the following counties: Niagara, Erie, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Monroe, Livingston, Allegany, Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, and Schuyler.
- Planning a career in the field of aviation, to include, but not limited to: A & P mechanic, aerospace engineer, airport manager, aviation educator, air traffic controller, commercial or airline pilot.

\*If you are applying for the flight training scholarship, you must have a Student Pilot Certificate.

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These scholarships are offered to endorse and assist your efforts in pursuing your education/career in aviation. Funds awarded may be used for the purpose of related books, materials, aircraft rent and instructor time or tuition expenses.

**Mail your application, along with:**

1. A letter explaining your interest and contributions to the aviation community and future plans in the aviation field.
2. A letter of recommendation from your flight instructor or flight school official (if applicable), mentor, counselor, or teacher.
3. A letter of recommendation from an individual in the Western New York Aviation community (this letter may not be from a relative).
4. A copy of your medical and Student Pilot Certificate required (if applicable).

**SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO:** Aero Club of Buffalo  
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**NOTE: Application must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2019**