



## GIRLS ACHIEVING LEADERSHIP IN AVIATION (GALA) SCHOLARSHIPS

### Introduction

The Tampa Bay Aviation Association is excited to announce the opening of applications for the Girls Achieving Leadership in Aviation (GALA) Scholarship. This scholarship is dedicated to supporting young women who are passionate about pursuing careers in the aviation industry. Whether you are just beginning your journey or already making strides in your aviation career, we encourage you to apply.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the GALA Scholarship, you must:

- Be between the ages of 16 and 20 at the time of application.
- Have a keen interest in or currently pursuing a career in aviation.

We welcome applications from those interested in the following fields:

- General Aviation Pilot Training
- Professional (Commercial) Pilot Training
- Aerospace Administration
- Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic
- Aerospace Engineering
- Aerospace Educator

Other career fields will be considered, so long as they are principally aviation related. Additionally, student pilots who are currently in flight training for any certificate are strongly encouraged to apply.

### Scholarship Details

Scholarships of up to \$5000 each will be awarded. The number of scholarships and the amount awarded will depend on available funding and the number of qualified applicants.

### Application Process

Applications will be considered that include the following required elements:

- The completed GALA Application Form
- Personal Statement Essay
- Recent hi-resolution class photo or passport photo (in color)
- Official Student Scholastic Record / Report
- List of school accomplishments
- Volunteer Hours / Community Service verification
- Two letters of recommendation from an instructor or employer (Dated within 30 days of application)
- If applying for Flight Training Scholarships, additional information is helpful. If applicable, please also include:
  - Your flight school information (if training has begun)
  - Copy of FAA Written Exam Report (if taken)
  - FAA Medical Certificate (if applicable)
  - Copy of last page of logbook

The application is available on our website at [myTBAA.org](http://myTBAA.org).

The application window for the 2024 scholarships is May 31st - July 31st. Our committee will be conducting interviews with eligible candidates during the month of August, after which successful applicants will be notified by September 6, 2024. Winners will be recognized, and their scholarships officially awarded at the 10th annual Girls in Aviation Day Event at Sheltair's Tampa International Airport facility on September 21st, 2024.

We are thrilled to support the next generation of female aviation leaders and look forward to receiving your application. Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at [galascholarship@tampairport.com](mailto:galascholarship@tampairport.com).



## GALA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Submission of this application form does not guarantee receipt of – or amount of – an award.*

The Girls Achieving Leadership in Aviation (GALA) Scholarship is awarded to deserving young women between the ages of 16 and 20 at the time of application who are pursuing, or intend to pursue, careers in aviation. Scholarships of up to \$5000 each will be awarded based upon available funding and number of qualified applicants. Please complete the form below and submit per the instructions following the signature section.

### APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Type or Print Clearly)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION (if under 18)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**GALA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Type or Print Clearly)**

Name and Address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current/Final GPA Weighted: \_\_\_\_\_ Unweighted: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated or Completed Graduation Class: 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Activities (include job, church, sports, clubs, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Honors or Awards (include any leadership positions if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Community Service / Volunteer Hours (Verified Total): \_\_\_\_\_

**AVIATION INTERESTS**

Please select your course of interest or study (check all that apply):

- General Aviation Pilot Training
- Professional (Commercial) Pilot Training
- Aerospace Administration
- Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic
- Aerospace Engineering
- Aerospace Educator
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Total Flight Training Hours to date:

FAA Written Exam Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Taken: \_\_\_\_\_



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### APPLICANT PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

Please prepare a short essay describing yourself and your goals. The following items must also be included:

- Academic areas of interest
- Aviation and/or Aerospace-related area(s) of interest
- Personal goals related to aviation
- Career aspirations
- Essay must be typed. No longer than 1 page, double spaced, 12 Point, Times New Roman Font.

### APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Please include the following with your application:

- This completed Application Form
- Personal Statement Essay (described above)
- Recent hi-resolution class photo or passport photo (in color)
- Official Student Scholastic Record / Report
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- Two letters of recommendation from an instructor or employer (Dated within 30 days of application)
- If applying for Flight Training Scholarships, please also include (if you have begun training):
  - Copy of FAA Written Exam Report
  - FAA Medical Certificate
  - Copy of last page of logbook

**All requested information within this application must be provided/completed to be considered for a GALA scholarship.**

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent / Guardian (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications, including all required attachments, should be submitted as a single Adobe® PDF file.

Applications may be submitted via **email only** to: [galascholarship@tampaairport.com](mailto:galascholarship@tampaairport.com). Other application methods will not be accepted (Mail, delivery, drop-off, etc.)