

ALOHA CHAPTER, THE NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL

MARGUERITE GAMBO WOOD FOUNDATION FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

2015-16 Scholarships – Information & Application Form

The Aloha Chapter Ninety-Nines Scholarship Committee invites qualified women pilots to apply for scholarship assistance to support flight training. In addition to fostering camaraderie, sponsoring and organizing flight events, serving as an information resource and carrying out flight-related community service, the Ninety-Nines organization has provided networking and financial support to further the aspirations of women aiming to become professional pilots. The Committee administers Chapter scholarships as well as scholarships sponsored by other individuals and organizations who desire to support flight training for women through the scholarship award process of the Aloha Chapter. Scholarship applicants are invited to participate in Aloha Chapter activities of The Ninety-Nines International organization to become acquainted with the mission and to become connected with other women pilots who have received scholarships. Contact information for the Aloha Chapter Scholarship Committee is included at the end of this document.

The **Marguerite Gambo Wood Flight Scholarships for Women**, administered by the Aloha Chapter of the 99's, are sponsored by the Marguerite Gambo Wood Foundation (MGWF), which was established by her estate in 1984 to support her commitments to women in aviation. Mrs. Wood was an exceptional aviation entrepreneur who helped define general aviation in Hawai'i and understood the importance of empowering other women and girls in the Islands. She especially enjoyed assisting young women in furthering their dreams of careers in aviation.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, she was the only civil aviator allowed to fly in Hawaiian air space in order to continue delivering needed supplies to Kalaupapa. Mrs. Wood continued teaching flying skills and running her company, "Hawaii's Country Club of the Air," until shortly before her death at age 71. She knew the importance of encouraging women to express themselves, think about their importance, and be aware of their power over the future through their ideas and actions in the present. "Ma" Wood, as she was affectionately known, was a vital influence and a well-loved figure at the Honolulu airport and her Foundation is a testament to her convictions and her success. Mrs. Wood operated a flight school in Honolulu for many years and was a strong supporter of the various activities of the Ninety-Nines. Mrs. Wood was committed to offering scholarships to women who were seeking to become professional pilots and needed assistance in meeting the high training costs.

The following requirements apply to the applicants and applications that are submitted for consideration for a 2015-16 Marguerite Gambo Wood scholarship:

1. Hawai'i resident.
2. Proposed training will be completed in Hawai'i (alternative sites are only considered under extraordinary circumstances and must be pre-approved by the Foundation trustees).
3. Membership in the Aloha Chapter of the 99's is not required. The MGW Foundation recommends that applicants have demonstrated interest and participation in the community service and aviation-related activities of the Aloha 99's Chapter.

The amount of this year's award from the Foundation is still to be announced. In past years, the Aloha Chapter has usually been able to distribute from \$20,000 to \$30,000 in annual scholarship awards. The largest part of that sum comes from the Marguerite Gambo Wood Foundation. The number and amount of scholarships will be announced after September 2015. Applicants who do not receive a scholarship are encouraged to re-apply in the following year.

The Application Package. Interested applicants should use the application form on page 3 of this document. Questions should be directed to Committee members listed below. Three (3) stapled copies of the Application Packet are to be submitted – one sent separately to each of the Committee members (original to chairman).

Submit 3 copies of the following materials, 1 copy to each Scholarship Committee member. Materials should be sent by regular USPS mail postmarked by September 29, 2015 (Express mail is not needed, please). Late applications cannot be accepted.

- (1) Application Form (page 3 of this document).
- (2) Application Essay: On a separate page, write a personal statement about how you got started in aviation and your goals in life and in aviation, and why you deserve this scholarship. Include scholarships you have previously received and special qualifications you may have, work history and experience, aviation associations and organizations in which you have participated, and your other interests and accomplishments outside of aviation. Describe how this scholarship would be used in furthering your aviation goals. Please limit statement to 1000 words in length.
- (3) Financial Need Statement: In a separate statement, explain in general terms your financial status and why you need financial help for the training goal you seek.
- (4) A photograph similar to a passport photo.
- (5) Copy of Pilot Certificate.
- (6) Copy of Medical Certificate.
- (7) 2 letters of recommendation in support of the scholarship application should be submitted. One of the five should be a signed original. Contact information must be included to enable references to be checked.

Applications must be postmarked by September 29, 2015.

Send 1 stapled copy of the completed application by US Postal Service to each of the Scholarship Committee members:

Nancy Hedlund, Scholarship Committee Chairman
 930 Kaheka Street, #3601, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814
nancylhedlund@yahoo.com, 808-946-9473
 Cindy Fiaui, 45-627 Kulukeyoe Place, Kaneohe, Hawai'i 96744
cindyfiaui@hotmail.com; (808) 753-1348
 Suzi Davis, 68-679 Crozier Drive, Waiialua, Hawai'i 96791
suzicdavis@gmail.com

Please contact Aloha Chapter Scholarship Committee members
 for more information about the scholarships
 For information about The Ninety-Nines, Inc.: <http://www.ninety-nines.org/>

**APPLICATION FORM 2015-16
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**Send 1 Application and Supporting Documents to each member of the Scholarship Committee
by regular USPS mail, postmarked by 9/29/15**

(if you are not notified by email of receipt of application in 5 days, call or email Nancy Hedlund):

Nancy Hedlund, Committee Chairman, 930 Kaheka Street, #3601, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814
Cindy Fiaui, 45-627 Kulukeoe Place, Kaneohe, Hawai'i 96744
Suzi Davis, 68-679 Crozier Drive, Waiialua, Hawai'i 96791

Be sure your application is readable!

(Contact Nancy Hedlund for a Word version of the application. Extend form to a second page if needed.)

Name:	Pilot Certificate #:
Address:	
Email:	Birthdate:
Telephone (preferred):	Telephone:
Present position & Employer:	
Spouse's Name if Married:	
Number & Ages of Minor Children:	
Private Pilot Certificate or Most Recent Certificate Received – Type & Date:	
Pilot in Command Hours Since Private:	Pilot in Command Hours Past 12 Months:
Pilot Hours Flown – Past Six Months:	Pilot Hours Flown - Total Time:
Type of pilot certificate now held, and ratings:	
List any aviation accidents or violations (add notes or explanations as appropriate):	
Education level achieved:	
Are you in school now (what is your goal)?	
Other aviation related education or training (use separate page as needed):	
Scholarship would be used toward:	
List all grants or scholarships received from all sources during the past 12 months:	

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS: Resident of Hawai'i; proposed flight training to be completed in Hawai'i; commitment to participating in 99s Aloha Chapter activities and the annual Aloha Chapter event at which scholarship recipients are announced and scholarships awarded. Winners should be present, if possible, to receive a scholarship.

AFFIDAVIT: "The information I have given on this application form and in the accompanying essay is true and correct. I meet the requirements for this scholarship. I will be able to meet the scholarship requirement of participating in the chapter event at which the scholarships are awarded. In addition, I will make every effort possible to attend the 2016 event to report on my use of the scholarship and how it has contributed to my career as a pilot."

(Signature & Date)