

Ten Tips for Applying for the Fly Now Award
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1. Become a Member of the Ninety-Nines if You are Not Already

To qualify for the Fly Now Award, you must be officially registered as a Student Member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. three months before the application is due. If you are in a Section with Chapters, you must be a Chapter Member. Your membership must be processed by January 1 for the Spring Award and by July 1 for the Fall Award.

2. Share Your Intention to Apply

Let your Chapter AE Scholarship Chair know that you intend to apply for the Fly Now Award. If your Chapter does not have an AE Scholarship Chair, speak with your Chapter Chair, share your interests, goals and talents as she will need to answer questions about you in Part VII of the application (99s Recommendation).

3. Seek a Ninety-Nine Member as a Mentor

If you have a potential mentor in mind, ask her if she will help you through this process. Ensure she knows the scope of her involvement before she agrees to help. You will need her to complete and sign the lower section of Part V on your application.

4. Start The Application Process Now!

Review the application, instructions and eligibility requirements. For example, financial need is one of the criteria. (How will you finance your training? How much money do you need to finish?) Get started on your essay! (Show your passion, determination and initiative; explain how you intend to use the certificate; include all the essay requirements stated in Part II; have others review your essay). Have a plan on how you will work towards your goal, e.g., when to take written, start lessons, & finish, etc. Be as specific as you can.

5. If Your Certificate Requires a Medical, Get it Now!

Don't wait until the last minute to get your medical. Having the medical certificate in your hand puts you one step closer to qualifying for this scholarship.

6. Apply for Your Student Pilot Certificate!

Again, don't wait until the last minute. You apply through the FAA's IACRA website and after receiving an FTN number, ask a CFI to submit your application. Print a copy of the temporary certificate. It takes about 3 weeks to receive the plastic certificate.

7. Get Involved!

Participate in the Ninety-Nines & other aviation activities to help strengthen your essay and to demonstrate your passion for aviation. Show you are a strong, contributing 99 and member of the aviation community.

8. Obtain a Powerful Outside Letter of Recommendation

Carefully choose an individual who can prepare a letter that stands apart, covers all elements requested, and describes your character and experiences outside of aviation. Don't recycle an old reference letter.

9. Keep Your Logbook Updated

Total the hours and sign the bottom of each page once it is completed. Logbook copies should be clear, easy to read, printed horizontally on a portrait page, left side on top, right side below.

10. Check and Double Check Your Application for Completeness & Accuracy

Just as you do a thorough pre-flight of your aircraft, confirm that your application is complete and correct in every way, including grammar, spelling, punctuation, and has no typos. If you have any questions, ask! Remember, give your AE Scholarship Chair plenty of time to complete her portion of the application and ask her to ensure everything is correct. Good luck!