



RTAG Presents the 2023 Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship for Private Pilots

\$2,500 towards an Advanced Rating

Qualifications and Eligibility

This scholarship is open to private pilots who wish to obtain an advanced rating, such as Instrument, Commercial, or CFI. Applicants for this scholarship must not have been a prior recipient of said scholarship within the last two years.

Note: Scholarship recipients are responsible for paying for flight training themselves and will receive scholarship funds on a reimbursement basis. The winner must provide flight training receipts in order to qualify for reimbursement.

Applicants must also:

- Submit, along with other application documents, copies of their valid private pilot and medical certificate and the last two pages of their logbook.
- Reside and complete training within a 70-nautical-mile radius of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, as denoted on an aeronautical chart.
- Agree to abide by and with all rules and regulations as set forth in the Letter of Agreement attached.
- Submit three letters of recommendation. None of the letters can be from persons related by blood or marriage. One must be signed by a certified flight instructor (CFI, CFII, or MEI).
- Agree to fully use the scholarship funds in the pursuit of an advanced rating. All receipts for reimbursement must be submitted by December 31st, 2023. After that date, any remaining funds will be deemed unusable and will revert to RTAG.
- Ensure all training will be accomplished with a certified flight instructor and/or an FAA-approved training center with a flight-training device.
- Submit the scholarship application, along with all other required documents, by the specified deadline. Incomplete or late applications will be automatically disqualified.
- Be willing to participate in a personal interview. Applicants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the personal interview.
- **Applicants must have met all of the criteria cited above on or before the application deadline. If the applicant earns the advanced rating before the interview date, that applicant will automatically be disqualified.**
- Application Deadline: **1-31-2023**: Applications must be received by the deadline. The original plus two exact copies (three total) of all material must be submitted. Omit the use of binders and covers of all types.
- Qualified applicants will be notified of scheduled interview times.
- Award Notification Date: Approximately 48 hours from interview date.
- Scholarships will be presented at the Celebration of Aviation Banquet, March 4, 2023. Recipients are encouraged to attend.

All applications should be mailed to:

**Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group
c/o Emma Justis
655 S Rock Blvd.,
Reno, NV 89502**