

The Gulfstream Aerospace West Michigan Aviation Academy Scholarship - 2019-20 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Gulfstream Aerospace Scholarship was established in 2014 with the purpose of providing support for a qualified high school senior from Western Michigan Aviation Academy who has been accepted and plans to pursue a post-secondary degree from an accredited higher education institution. The scholarship award selection will be based on the applicant's financial need and academic performance. Preference may be given to applicants pursuing an Aviation related degree.

The scholarship award may be up to \$15,000 per academic year and is renewable up to a maximum of three additional academic years or until undergraduate degree requirements are completed, whichever comes first. Renewal is based on evidence of good academic progress (3.0 or above cumulative GPA), good disciplinary standing and confirmation of continued enrollment as a full-time student.

The annual scholarship competition is administered by Community Foundation of the Lowcountry through an independent advisory committee and awarded on the basis of academic achievement, leadership and extra-curricular activities. *Financial need is considered.*

Eligibility Criteria

High school seniors who attend West Michigan Aviation Academy, who will enter an accredited institution of higher education in the United States no later than the start of the next academic year may apply. *Financial need is considered.*

Application Requirements

1. A completed [online scholarship application](#), submitted by the deadline date. Financial need is considered.
2. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript from West Michigan Aviation Academy uploaded into the application via 3rd party email from the school counselor.
3. Essay (not to exceed 1000 words) describing your future academic and career goals, how this scholarship will assist you in achieving those goals, and how West Michigan Aviation Academy has helped foster your current passions, typed into the online application.
4. One recommendation letter from a teacher at West Michigan Aviation Academy, uploaded directly into the online application via 3rd party email, by the teacher/reference.
5. Official SAT/ACT scores uploaded into the online application. Please upload a pdf of the College Board Score Report.
6. Student Aid Report from FAFSA - showing Expected Family Contribution or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded into the online application.
7. Information from the parent's or legal guardian's most recent tax return. Financial need is considered.
8. A completed financial need form for applicants, available to download on application, must be uploaded into the online application.
9. An invitation code will be supplied by the counselor at West Michigan Aviation Academy.

Deadline	March 8, 2019	Award	one award \$15,000, renewable up to 3 additional years, if eligibility criteria met
Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post Secondary	How to Apply	www.cf-lowcountry.org

Miscellaneous Renewable up to 3 additional years or until undergraduate degree requirements are completed- whichever comes first; contingent on meeting renewal criteria.

Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Directors). Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The initial award will be announced at a private ceremony at West Michigan Aviation Academy. This will be followed up by official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by Gulfstream Aerospace or Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' scholarship acceptance responsibilities. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment. In accordance with the foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.

Amendment of Termination of the Program

Community Foundation of the Lowcountry expects and intends to continue the Gulfstream Aerospace West Michigan Aviation Scholarship Program as described herein. However, the foundation reserves the right to amend or discontinue the program at the foundation's discretion. If the program is amended or terminated, previously awarded scholarships will not be affected.