

Collegiate Women's Achievement Award

Celebrating the Excellence of Our Next Generation of Women Aviators

This award is presented annually to a student who exemplifies the values we hold dear: **academic excellence, professionalism, leadership, and volunteerism.**

As part of our commitment to supporting and spotlighting future leaders in aviation, the CWAA was developed in 2025 to reach a broader community of women pursuing aviation degrees across the country. This new award replaces the former NIFA National SAFECON award and expands our impact beyond a single competition, allowing us to connect with a more diverse range of collegiate aviation programs and elevate the visibility of The Ninety-Nines within the academic and aviation communities.

By recognizing the achievements of exceptional student members, the Collegiate Women's Achievement Award inspires others to strive for excellence, engage in leadership, and give back to their aviation communities. Whether they are working toward their private pilot certificate or preparing for a career as a commercial airline captain, these students are the future of aviation—and of our organization.

Application Requirements

To be eligible for the Collegiate Women's Achievement Award, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must have been a Ninety-Nines member for at least **three (3) months** prior to the application deadline.
- **Significant involvement** with a local Ninety-Nines Chapter is preferred.
- Must be **enrolled in a U.S. college or university** and actively pursuing a degree in an aviation field.
- Must have a **minimum 3.0 GPA** on a 4.0 scale – upload your most recent **transcript** (PDF or JPG).
- Must be at least a **sophomore or higher** class rank.
- Must hold a current **FAA medical certificate** and **FAA student pilot certificate or higher** – upload copies (PDF or JPG).
- Must be working toward a **private pilot certificate or higher**. (Applicants working toward sport or recreational pilot certification are not eligible.)
- **Award funds must be used for flight training** and will be paid directly to the college/university or flight school conducting the training. All training must be conducted in the U.S.
- Funds must be used **within one year** of disbursement.
- Must provide documentation of **at least 5 hours of flight training** completed in the past three (3) months – upload logbook entries (PDF or JPG).
- Must identify **two referees** who will provide recommendation letters – include each referee's name, affiliation, and email address. Applications without recommendations will be considered incomplete.
- The award recipient will be selected based on **merit, career aspirations, community contributions, volunteerism, character, academic standing, accomplishments, teamwork, and leadership.**
- The recipient will be expected to provide **at least one training status update** after using the award funds.

Application Period and Submission

Collegiate Women's Achievement Award applications are accepted each year from **July 1 to October 1**. Find this year's application form here: <https://ninety-nines.org/international-awards/>