



**Gulfstream Aerospace
West Michigan Aviation Academy Scholarship
2026-27 Guidelines**

Scholarship Information

The Gulfstream Aerospace West Michigan Aviation Academy 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. The student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate. *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.
6. Submission Summary from FAFSA - showing Student Aid Index 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.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	Deadline	February 27, 2026

Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by the 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 Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' responsibilities to the Scholarship Program they have been selected for. 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 Community 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.