



HONORING AMERICA'S 250TH BY
ADVANCING EDUCATION, OPPORTUNITY,
AND THE FUTURE OF AVIATION

Scholarship Gala

8

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2026

**DINNER, HORSE RACING, &
BASKET RAFFLE**

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

VENUE

The Mid-Atlantic Air Museum





About the Gala

The Aviation Foundation of Pennsylvania Scholarship Gala is proudly presented in partnership with the **46th Annual Pennsylvania Aviation Conference**, uniting aviation leaders, advocates, and students for an unforgettable evening centered on opportunity, education, and the future of flight.

The Gala delivers an exciting night of food, beverages, and high-energy fundraising experiences, all designed to support aviation students across the Commonwealth. From our ever-popular basket raffle to a brand-new horse racing experience, the evening brings creativity and excitement to scholarship fundraising, proving that supporting students can be both impactful and fun.

In 2026, **as our nation commemorates its 250th anniversary**, the Aviation Foundation of Pennsylvania is proud to host its **first-ever Scholarship Gala**. This moment calls for more than reflection. It calls for action. There is no better way to honor this historic milestone than by investing in the future of aviation and the students who will carry its legacy forward.

The Scholarship Gala is hosted at the **historic Mid-Atlantic Air Museum**, a venue that perfectly captures Pennsylvania's aviation heritage and enduring spirit of innovation. Nationally recognized as the home of the renowned World War II Weekend, the Museum serves year-round as a living tribute to those who advanced aviation through service, ingenuity, and perseverance.

Gala admission is ticketed.

For attendees of the Pennsylvania Aviation Conference, Gala admission is included with conference registration. Separate tickets are available for guests who wish to attend the Scholarship Gala only.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for organizations, individuals, and community members ready to take a leading role in aviation education and workforce development. Sponsorship support directly fuels scholarships and programs that open doors for students pursuing careers across aviation, aerospace, and related industries.

Together, we honor aviation's past, celebrate its present, and invest boldly in the students who will define its future.



Signature Events

THE BASKET RAFFLE

Each year, the Aviation Foundation of Pennsylvania partners with the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania to host one of the most anticipated events of the Pennsylvania Aviation Conference: **the Basket Raffle**.

Generously donated items from organizations and businesses across the Commonwealth are curated into a wide variety of themed baskets, offering something for everyone and creating a fun, high-energy experience throughout the evening. Last year alone, **27 baskets were donated**, making the raffle a highlight for attendees.

Raffle tickets start at \$5, making it easy for everyone to participate and support the cause.

Every dollar raised through the Basket Raffle is directly invested in student scholarships, helping to support the next generation of aviation professionals and strengthen the future of Pennsylvania's aviation industry.



HORSE RACING

The Horse Racing Experience brings the thrill of a night at the races to the Scholarship Gala, offering guests a fast-paced and interactive way to support scholarships.

Guests can make a donation to participate and **receive a race schedule featuring ten races and personalized horse names**.

Before each race, guests place wagers using race credits at the teller table. A race caller broadcasts each race live on a large screen, building excitement as the winning horse is announced.

Winnings are paid out in raffle tickets, which guests can use for chances to win basket raffle prizes throughout the evening. With multiple races and continuous opportunities to participate, the Horse Racing Experience keeps the energy high and the fun going all night long.