Florida Goldcoast Ninety-Nines, Inc.

2026 Fran Sargent Scholarship Application

ONE SCHOLARSHIP of $5000 will be AWARDED

Applicants may be any female Private Pilot or higher who lives in, attends school in, or trains in the state of Florida. Applications are due by October 31, 2026. Recipients will have one year to complete their training.

If you are not a member of the 99s, apply and join now!

All applicants are required to **Attach** a one-page essay (single spaced with 12 pt font and 1" margins) that includes the following:

- What sparked your interest in flying
- Proposed use of scholarship money
- How you will fund the balance of your training
- Ultimate aviation goal
- Type of flying you have done or plan to do
- Other aviation experience or training
- Education & background
- Your contributions to the 99s or the aviation community
- What special qualities, aviation or other, make you an exceptional candidate for this scholarship
- Any other information that might be helpful to the Scholarship Committee in making its decision

***Must* Attach** copies of the following:

- *All* Pilot Certificates (front & back)
- *Current* Medical certificate
- Last 14 logbook entries (electronic) or last 2 pages (all columns totaled & all pages signed)
- Ground school AND written test results for requested certificate or rating
- Any endorsements (Flight Review, Wings, etc.)
- Personal Resume

Attach **2** Letters of Recommendation (one professional, the other may be from a professional or personal contact). Suggestions include the following:

- Flight Instructor who has recently flown with you

- Ninety-Nine Member
- Employer
- FAA Representative
- Local Pilot Organization Member
- AOPA Member
- EAA Member
- Member of an organization you volunteer with

SELECTION CRITERIA: The recipient of the 2026 Florida Goldcoast Chapter of 99s Fran Sargent Scholarship will be selected by a committee consisting of judges active in aviation. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final. If no qualified applicant applies, the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold the Scholarship.

Applications are judged with priority given in no particular order:

- Neatness
- Attention to detail, and completeness of the application package
- Compelling story and stated aviation goals
- Likelihood of success at reaching stated goals
- Ability to be an ambassador representing women in aviation
- Participation in and promoting the 99s, aviation events, and aviation activities, after achieving their aviation goals
- Demonstration of financial need
- Recommendations addressing professional and personal attributes

DISBURSEMENTS: Attainment of your stated goal must be completed by December 1, 2027 and a report submitted to the Scholarship Trustee Jen Toplak by email to jen.toplak@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS will be required to:

- Attend the Florida Goldcoast 99s Holiday Scholarship Luncheon on December 5, 2026 (Half of the funds will be provided)
- Submit a photo of themselves and their airplane to be used in FL Goldcoast 99s social media and The Ninety-nines News Magazine
- Submit updates about their progress every 60 days to Jen Toplak by email to jen.toplak@gmail.com
- Complete use of funds by December 1, 2027
- Submit final report to Jen Toplak by email to jen.toplak@gmail.com (The final amount of funds will be provided with proof of completion of training.)
- Attend a FL Goldcoast meeting to share their accomplishments and talk about how this scholarship has helped achieve their goals

Please complete the google application on the link below by October 31, 2026 by 2359 hours.

Please submit all documents in **PDF form as one file
**You may be required to participate in a phone interview with the scholarship committee.

For assistance or more information contact: Myra Bugbee at *mjbugbee1@gmail.com*
Please put FLGC Fran Sargent Scholarship in the Title line

Application Form Link
https://forms.gle/Qs5mVAVuAY6X5b8t9

All Applicants must sign CERTIFICATION and HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT mentioned below as part of the application package.

CERTIFICATION

If I receive any of applied scholarships, I will schedule and complete the training that I have requested prior to December 1st of the following year. I also understand that I will be required to attend the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the 99s, Scholarship Awards Brunch on December 5, 2026 where I will be presented with this scholarship award. I will provide a photo of myself with my airplane and also a picture with the airplane after completion of my Rating or College Course Program for the 99s News and FLGC Chapter and Donor's Social Media. I will also contact the Scholarship Committee every 60 days with an update of my training. The first half of the funds will be sent to my school (please provide name of person and department, address, phone contact) immediately. After earning my certificate or completion documentation is received, the final check for the balance of funds will be sent. Please contact permanent Scholarship Trustee, Jen Toplak by email to jen.toplak@gmail.com

FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER 99s HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Neither the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., the Southeast Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., The Ninety-Nines, Inc.®, nor their members, agents, donors or representatives are responsible for the quality of any training received with any scholarship, or for an accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating thereto. I, the Recipient of scholarship agree to Hold Harmless the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., the Southeast Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., The Ninety-Nines, Inc.®, their members, agents, donors or representatives upon receipt of any of the applied scholarship.