

2026 ORIENT FLIGHT SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.
SPONSORED BY ORIENT FLIGHT SCHOOL (OFS)



One **\$4,000 scholarship** will be awarded to a **student pilot or higher** for flight training at **Orient Flight School**, located at **Miami Homestead General Airport (X51)**.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on July 15, 2026.

Scholarship recipients must use the training funded by this scholarship by July 15th, 2027.

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

Our member, **Yogini Modi**, and her husband, **Bryan Shelton**, are the donors of this gift certificate to be utilized at Orient Flight School for Flight Training. As successful pilots and entrepreneurs, Bryan and Yogini consistently support fellow pilots.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must hold a student pilot certificate or higher
- Hold a current FAA medical certificate
- Be a current member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc
- Preferably live in the Miami area or South Florida.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The recipient of the \$4000 Gift Certificate 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 will be judged with priority given, in no particular order, to the following:

- Ability to serve as an ambassador representing women in aviation.
- Participation in and promotion of The Ninety-Nines, aviation events, and aviation activities after achieving aviation goals.
- Demonstration of financial need.

- Pursuit of multiple ratings, desire to obtain a career in aviation, and likelihood of success in reaching stated goals.
- Compelling personal story and clearly stated aviation goals.
- Recommendations addressing professional and personal attributes.
- Neatness, attention to detail, and completeness of the application package.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the application form located at the bottom of this page.

1. Attach copies of the following:
 - All pilot certificates and ratings, front and back.
 - Current FAA medical certificate.
 - Last 14 logbook entries or the last two pages of your logbook. Electronic logbook copies are acceptable.
 - Written exam results and any other pertinent documents.
2. Attach a one-page essay, single-spaced, using 12-point font and 1-inch margins. The essay should include the following:
 - The certificate or rating you are pursuing.
 - Information about yourself, including any special qualifications, aviation-related or otherwise, and how they will benefit you in your aviation career. Include your goals and whether you are returning to aviation as a career change or building a career in aviation.
 - A detailed explanation of how you plan to fund your flight training. Include your income earned this year and any scholarships or grants received over the past 24 months.
 - A description of how you intend to promote aviation after achieving your stated aviation goals. Include a clear statement of your aviation goals.
 - A compelling personal story and clearly stated aviation goals.
3. Provide two current letters of reference or recommendation. At least one letter should be from an employer, an instructor who has recently flown with you, or another professional person who knows you. The second letter may be from a professional or personal contact. Letters of recommendation should address the applicant's professional and personal attributes.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the Google application using the link below no later than **July 15, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. EST.**

All required documents must be submitted in **PDF format as one combined file.**

Application Form Link:

<https://forms.gle/tztHouU1XXZG3dee6>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Attainment of your stated goal must be completed by July 15, 2027. The Orient Flight School wants to help you earn your flight certificates as quickly and economically as possible. To schedule flight training call 786-309-2FLY (2359).

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

The scholarship recipient will be required to:

- Attend a Florida Goldcoast 99s meeting to receive the award.
- Submit a photo of yourself with the airplane for use on Florida Goldcoast 99s social media and in *The Ninety-Nines News Magazine*.
- Submit progress updates every 60 days to Jen Toplak at Jen.toplak@gmail.com.
- Submit a final report to Jen Toplak at Jen.toplak@gmail.com
- Must use the training funded by this scholarship by July 15th, 2027
- Attend a Florida Goldcoast 99s meeting to share your accomplishments and discuss how this scholarship helped you achieve your goals.

For assistance or more information, contact Captain Caryn Haynes at carynhaynes@aol.com and flgc99scholarships@gmail.com.

Please include “FLGC 2026 Orient Flight School Scholarship” in the email subject line.