

2026 ROBERT SHELTON & HARSH MODI

UNLIMITED FAA WRITTEN-TEST SCHOLARSHIP

Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

SPONSORED BY ORIENT FLIGHT SCHOOL -HOMESTEAD

THREE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:

1. One for a current member of the Ninety-Nines
2. One for a Friend of the Ninety-Nines, male or female
3. One for a Veteran or current member of the Military, male or female

Scholarship recipients are entitled to a GIFT CERTIFICATE for unlimited FAA Knowledge Tests taken at ORIENT FLIGHT SCHOOL HOMESTEAD (X51)

Applications are due by October 31, 2026.

Recipients have one year, until December 1, 2027, to complete the tests.

Valued at \$175 per test. Example: winner could get \$1050 for 6 knowledge tests

Private/Instrument/Commercial/CFI/CFII/ATP

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

*About **Robert Shelton & Harsh Modi***

Our member, Yogini Modi, and her husband Bryan Shelton are the donors of the Scholarship. Robert Shelton (Bryan's father) was an FAA Inspector and Harsh Modi (Yogini's nephew) was a commercial pilot. Yogi and Bryan own both Homestead Executive Jet Center FBO and ORIENT FLIGHT SCHOOL in X51. As successful pilots and entrepreneurs, Bryan and Yogini consistently support fellow pilots.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must hold a student pilot certificate or higher
- Applicants must hold a current FAA medical
- Applicants must be a current member of the Ninety-Nines, or a member of the Friend of the Ninety-Nines (male or female), or a Veteran or current member of the Military (male or female).

SELECTION CRITERIA: The recipient of the Robert Shelton & Harsh Modi 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

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the application form (at the bottom of this page)

Attach **copies** of the following:

- All pilot certificates & ratings (front & back)
- Current medical certificate
- Last 14 logbook entries or last two pages logbook (electronic is acceptable)
- Written exam results and other pertinent documents

Attach a **one-page** essay (single spaced, 12pt font, 1" margins) that includes the following:

- What rating you are pursuing
- Tell us about yourself, including special qualifications you may have, aviation or other, and how they will benefit you in your career. Include your goals and if you are returning to aviation as a career change or building a career in aviation. What sparked your interest in aviation?
- Describe in detail how you plan to fund your flight training. Include your amount of income earned this year and any other scholarships or grants earned over the past 24 months
- Describe how you intend to contribute to promote aviation after achieving your stated aviation goals. Include a statement of your aviation goals.

*Provide **two** current letters of reference/recommendation— at least one from an employer, instructor who has recently flown with you, if possible, or other professional person who knows you. The second letter may be from a professional or personal contact.

Please complete the application by October 31, 2026 at 2359 hours. All documents must be submitted in **PDF form as one file**.

For assistance or more information contact: Myra Bugbee at mjbugbee1@gmail.com

Please put 2026 Shelton/Modi Scholarship in the Title line

DISBURSEMENTS: Attainment of your stated goal must be completed by December 1, 2027. The Pilot Training Center Homestead wants to help you earn your flight certificates as quickly and economically as possible. If you win this scholarship, you can take the written tests at no charge at Pilot Training Center Homestead. You can turn the Ground Instructor test results into certificates immediately, and the result of the other tests will be valid for two years. Recipient is responsible for his or her own study and must bring all required documents for the test, including instructor endorsement, etc. To schedule a written test call 786-309-2FLY (2359). If you are more than 20 miles from X51, you may be eligible to take a test at a convenient location and email your results to yogini@flyptch.com for reimbursement. Your reimbursement will be processed within 3 business days. This scholarship does not cover a re-test for the same rating, and three test failures will disqualify you from further testing at no charge. Email updates are required during the year to Scholarship Trustee, Jen Toplak by email to jen.toplak@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS will be required to:

- Attend the FL Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines Scholarship Award and Holiday Luncheon in December
- 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
- Provide final report and complete use of funds by December 1, 2027
- Submit final report to Jen Toplak by email to jen.toplak@gmail.com
- Attend a FL Goldcoast meeting to share their accomplishments and talk about how this scholarship has helped achieve their goals

Please complete the application as follows:

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 in December 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.