



2026 GIVE MIAMI DAY: WASP BEE HAYDU & KAY HILBRANDT *Florida Goldcoast Chapter of 99s Scholarship*

One Award of \$2000 for a Private Pilot & Above with a Successful written test

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

Scholarship recipients must use the funds by July 15th, 2027.

The Florida Goldcoast Chapter of The Ninety-nines and Give Miami Day Scholarship will honor WASP who were members of our chapter. One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in honor of **Bee Haydu and Kay Hilbrandt** to a female pilot who holds a Private Pilot certificate or higher.

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

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must:

- Be female and hold a Private Pilot certificate or higher.
- Hold a current FAA medical certificate.
- Have passed the applicable FAA written test for the certificate or rating for which the scholarship is being requested.
- Preferably live in the Miami area.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The recipient of the 2026 Florida Goldcoast Chapter of The Ninety-Nines 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 will be judged with priority given, in no particular order, to the following:

- Ability to serve as an ambassador representing women pilots.
- 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:

1. Complete the Google application form using the link provided below.
2. Attach copies of the following documents:
 - a. All pilot certificates and ratings.
 - b. Current FAA medical certificate.
 - c. Last 14 logbook entries or the last two pages of your logbook. Electronic logbook copies are acceptable.
 - d. FAA written exam results and any other pertinent documents.
3. Attach a one-page essay, single-spaced, using 12-point font and 1-inch margins. The essay should include the following:
 - a. The certificate or rating you are pursuing.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. A description of how you intend to promote aviation after achieving your stated aviation goals. Include a clear statement of your aviation goals.
4. 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.

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>

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

The scholarship recipient will be required to:

- Attend a Florida Goldcoast 99s meeting to receive the award. Half of the scholarship funds will be presented at the meeting, and the first scholarship check will be made payable to the flight school of your choice.
- 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 in order to receive the second half of the scholarship funds. The second scholarship check will be made payable directly to you.
- Use all scholarship funds by **July 15, 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 “**2026 GIVE MIAMI DAY: WASP BEE HAYDU & KAY HILBRANDT**” in the email subject line.