Tuolumne County
Aeronautical Association

2026-27 Aviation Scholarship Application

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2027
Awards to be announced: April 2, 2027

TCAA exists to promote and champion aviation in Tuolumne County through airport projects, community education and scholarships for aeronautical training.

TCAA Scholarships are donor-supported in affiliation with ***Sonora Area Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Organization***
https://sonora-area.org/

Eligibility: Anyone can apply for the annual TCAA Scholarship as there is no age limit; however, Tuolumne County residents will be given priority along with applicants who are clearly pursuing career paths related to aviation careers, e.g., Pilot/Flight Crew, FAA aircraft maintenance certification (A&P), Aeronautical Engineering, Airline Operations & dispatch, Air Traffic Control, etc.

Step 1: Please provide your contact and basic background information:

Applicant Information	*If Applicant is **under** 18 years old:* **Additional Information Required**
Name:	Parent/Guardian Name:
Address (Street, City, zip):	Address (if other than applicant):
Phone (cell): Phone (other):	Parent/Guardian's Phone (cell): Parent/Guardian's Phone (other):
Email:	Parent/Guardian's Email:
Name of the TCAA member (sponsor if applicable):	School Attending / Education level:
Current Employment (if any): US Citizen? (circle one) **Yes No**	Grade Point Average:

For Steps 2, 3, 4 and 7, attach additional pages as needed to provide your answers and discussion.

Step 2: Write a paragraph or two detailing your goals in aviation or in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) careers and why you want to pursue an aviation or aviation-related career or avocation? (Also list the STEM courses you are taking or have taken and the institutions you have attended, are attending, or plan to attend, and how these will help you meet your goal).

Step 3: Write a paragraph or two about your community activities, e.g., sports hobbies, volunteerism, etc., and indicate any online and/or social media sites you use to obtain content related to your aviation interests:

Step 4: Write a paragraph or two about your financial situation as it relates to meeting your aeronautical goals. Include whether you have applied for, or will you be applying for other scholarships in addition to TCAA, and explain your intentions for how you would utilize the TCAA scholarship funds should you be the recipient:

Step 5: Please indicate any flight training you have completed to date:

Total flight hours _____ (and where) _____

Aircraft Maintenance (A&P) training hours _____ (and where)_____

- **Have you passed any FAA Knowledge Tests** (written tests)?
  ☐ Private, ☐ Commercial, ☐ CFI, ☐ A&P, ☐ Other--specify.

- **Have you earned any FAA Certificates?**
  ☐ Student Pilot, ☐ Private PPL, ☐ Commercial, ☐ CFI, ☐ Other--specify

- **Are you Instrument rate**d? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Step 6: Please attach **two** letters of reference or recommendations from persons other than relatives, spouse/partner, or personal friends. (These typically come from teachers/instructors, mentors, or others who have experience with, or are familiar with your work and abilities.)

Step 7: Is there anything else you would like us to know that you feel might set you apart from other applicants.

How to Submit Your Application:

Method 1: Mail via the US Post Office to:
TCAA Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 31
Columbia, CA 95310
~ or ~
Method 2: scan or save your completed application including letters of reference as pdf file and email to:
TCAA_2025@yahoo.com
~ or ~
Method 3: complete the application process through the Sonora Area Foundation Scholarship Portal at **https://sonora-area.org/scholarships/**

Final Notes:
If you are awarded the scholarship:

The TCAA scholarship grants are typically $500 and will be paid directly to (reimbursed to) the flight school, education institution, or TCAA-vetted service "training provider" you choose. If you are notified that you are a successful candidate, you will need to identify a training provider to TCAA as soon as possible. (Note: TCAA reserves the right to validate and approve providers.)

You will have one year from the date the grant is awarded to expend the total amount. However, if for any reason you are unable to expend the funds within the timeframe, please contact TCAA to request an extension of time.

Thank you for applying and good luck!