

Aero Club of Buffalo

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Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarship Program 2024

Dear Applicant:

We would like to congratulate you on your aviation pursuits and the decision to participate in the 2024 Aero Club of Buffalo (ACOB) Scholarship Award process. We will be awarding **two \$3000 Scholarships**.

#1 The Fran Bainbridge Flight Training Scholarship - \$3000 ***(Funds Generously donated by the Aero Club of Buffalo Members & the Michael & Robin Lally Forward Foundation)***

Fran Bainbridge was the “heart and soul” of the Aero Club of Buffalo. Fran joined the ACOB in 2003 and from then until 2017 served in various capacities with the club, during which she served as Vice President, President, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee and Executive Secretary. An avid flyer, Fran flew a Bellanca Champion 7AC, a Searay Amphibian and a gyrocopter. Fran, without question kept the ACOB not only running but viable. The ACOB will always be grateful for her efforts.

This scholarship will be awarded to a flight student pursuing a private pilot or higher certificate.

Applicants for this scholarship must be between the ages of 17-25 and be a permanent resident or student within the WNY region as defined below*. The applicant must have a Student Pilot Certificate and **have soloed** by the due date of the application. *All flight lessons must be taken within one of the WNY counties listed below*.*

#2 The Jim and Bob Lally Aeronautical Engineering Scholarship - \$3000 New Scholarship ***(Funds Generously donated by the Michael & Robin Lally Forward Foundation)***

Jim and Bob Lally were founders of the WNY sensor company, PCB Piezotronics. Both were extremely passionate about technology and aviation. PCB sensors are used in a myriad of aerospace applications, as diverse as flight flutter testing, ground vibration testing, wind tunnel and propulsion pressure testing, as well as structural health monitoring. The two brothers were strong supporters of university research through equipment donations and always had time for student engineers at the many conferences PCB attended. Starting as the underdog in the industry, they valued hard work, strong technical understanding supplemented with hands-on/test validation, and practiced servant leadership as the company grew to prominence in the industry.

This scholarship will be open to junior or senior college students who embrace the values of Jim and Bob Lally and how they plan to advance in their own technical pursuits.

Applicants for this scholarship must be between the ages of 17 and 25 and be a permanent resident or student living within the WNY region as defined below*. They must be planning a career in the field of aviation, to include, but not be limited to, a mechanical or aerospace engineering student. This scholarship is offered to endorse and assist student efforts in pursuing their education or career in aviation.

***To be eligible for consideration**, candidates must reside in one of the following counties: Niagara, Erie, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Monroe, Livingston, Allegany, Wayne, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, and Schuyler

Scholarship Award winners will be officially recognized at the Niagara Aerospace Museum's Hall of Fame Dinner to be held May 10, 2024. If the winner(s) are unable to attend, they will be asked to submit a picture or attend via Zoom.

Please note all applicants will receive a free one-year membership to the Aero Club of Buffalo.

SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO: Aero Club of Buffalo, Pamela Crassidis, at pcrassidis@gmail.com

Application must be emailed no later than April 12, 2024