



**The Ninety-Nines
Greater Seattle Chapter**

Bless Your Heart Scholarship 2026

In honor of Priscilla Cook, former Western Washington Ninety-Nine

The Greater Seattle Chapter of The Ninety-Nines will award a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 to a female pilot to be used toward completion of a Private Pilot Certificate or any add-on rating/certificate.

To be eligible, you must:

1. Be a female resident of WA, OR, or AK, and sixteen (16) years of age or older.
2. Be an active member of The Ninety-Nines and commit to remaining a member through the following calendar year.
3. Have logged a minimum of six (6) hours flight time in the last six months.
4. Provide proof of enrollment in or completion of a recognized ground school, or completion of applicable FAA Written test (if required by the rating).
5. Possess current FAA Medical and Student/Pilot Certificate.
6. Be willing to work with a mentor who is a member of the 99s.

Application Instructions:

1. Complete the application and have your instructor or flight school sign on page 4.
2. Attach a copy of your FAA Medical, Student/Pilot Certificate, and logbook page(s) showing proof of at least six (6) hours flown in the preceding six calendar months, and proof of enrollment/completion in ground school and/or FAA Written exam (if applicable).
3. Include two (2) letters of recommendation, preferably one from a personal reference and one from someone in an aviation field who knows you.
4. Submit a brief essay that addresses all items in Section C of the application.
5. Email your complete application in one PDF file to scholarship.seattle99s@gmail.com with copy to greaterseattle99s@gmail.com

Note:

- Application must be received by email no later than April 15, 2026.
- The potential recipient must be available for a video call with the selection committee following her submission.
- The scholarship winner will be announced and notified on May 15, 2026.
- The recipient must complete training for which they are requesting funding and provide receipts up to \$5,000 within six calendar months from date awarded or seek deferment to 12 months.
- Funds will be reimbursed directly to the applicant upon receipt of proof of training expenses. Reimbursements can be made monthly or in one sum.
- Annual membership dues can be covered with the scholarship award money.

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Section A – Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

99s Continuous Member Since (mm/dd/yy) _____

Chapter: _____ Section: _____

Number of Meetings Attended Since Joining: _____

At which 99s events, if any, have you volunteered? Please also list any 99s events you plan to attend/volunteer at in 2026 so far:

Section B – Education and Flight Training

Highest Education Completed and Degrees/Certificates Obtained:

Current Certificates/Ratings Held: _____

Certificate or Rating Requested: _____

Flight School/CFI: _____

Part 61 or 141: _____ Phone: _____

Training Airport: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Section C – Goals and Objectives

On a separate page, please write an essay not exceeding 500 words that addresses the following questions:

1. How were you inspired to get involved in aviation?
2. What are your long-term aviation goals?
3. How has being part of the 99s affected your journey?
4. How do you plan to give back to the aviation community?
5. Aside from money, what is the greatest challenge to your goals?
6. How do you plan to finance your training aside from this scholarship?
7. List any awards, special achievements, activities, leadership roles, etc.
8. Is there anything else you want us to know about you?

Please have your instructor or an authorized representative of your flight school or FBO sign below, ensuring funds will only be applied to flight training costs as noted in Sections B and C.

Flight School/FBO/Instructor: _____

Authorized Representative: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Disclaimer to be signed and attached.**

“I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have given is true and correct, and that I meet the requirements for this school.”

“Neither the Greater Seattle Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., the Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., nor their members, agents, or representatives are responsible for the quality of any training received with this scholarship, nor for any accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating thereto, and recipient agrees to sign a hold-harmless agreement in favor of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots, its Sections and Chapters, upon receipt of the scholarship and before any flight is made.”

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Priscilla Osler Cook

(1925-2020)

private pilot SEL, SES; FAA #304527



ca 1945 Ann Arbor, Michigan



2010 Bellevue, Washington

Priscilla Cook was a Ninety-Nine and a life-long private pilot. This scholarship, funded by her family members, honors that legacy. Born Priscilla Osler in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1925, her entry into aviation occurred early, in the 1940s, with the assistance of her eldest brother, Scott Osler, an engineering test pilot. In 1942, while still in high school in Ann Arbor, Priscilla earned her student pilot permit, single engine land.

Both of Priscilla's older brothers were supporting the war effort and Priscilla would have liked to become a WASP. However, she was slightly too young to qualify. Nevertheless, while visiting her brother Scott in Seattle in 1944, she earned her private pilot's license. She took her training in the little town of Cle Elum, located on the east side of the Cascade mountains, since private flying in the greater Seattle area during the war was prohibited. Priscilla utilized her brother's Luscomb, a hand-propped tail dragger, earning her license on September 29, 1944, FAA certification number 304527. The next month she and Scott flew his Luscombe back to Ann Arbor.

As a college student at Michigan State in East Lansing, class of 1947, Priscilla was a charter member of the school's flying club, *The Winged Spartans*. Initially, she was the only member who had a pilot's license. She flew the club plane, a Taylorcraft, and she competed in National Intercollegiate Flying Association meets.

After college, Priscilla's sense of adventure led her to a civilian job with Special Services to the U.S. Air Force, 1950-1952, during the Korean War; she worked at two U.S. airbases in Japan.

In 1953, Priscilla married Bill Cook, a Boeing aerodynamicist who was himself a private pilot. They made their home in Bellevue, Washington, and raised three children.

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In the late 1960s, Priscilla renewed her private certificate and added a seaplane rating, preparing to fly a Piper PA-18 Super Cub on floats that her husband and son were rebuilding. In 1971, the Cub, as it was called, became operational. It was Priscilla's plane. She flew it extensively in the Pacific Northwest, Canada and Alaska. Remote lakes surrounded by forests and rugged mountains in shifting, VFR weather conditions were Priscilla's domain.

Priscilla joined the Ninety-Nines in 1967. She was an active member of the Western Washington Chapter, serving as Chapter Chair and Secretary. In 1971 she became a member of the Washington Seaplane Pilots Association.

In July 1977, Priscilla and a Ninety-Nine co-pilot friend flew the Cub from Bellevue to the Ninety-Nine Northwest Sectional convention in Anchorage, Alaska. The flight was characterized by typical rough weather and low ceilings, and Priscilla relied largely on dead reckoning due to limited, ground-based navigation aids. The flight from Bellevue astounded the other Ninety-Nines attending the convention, earning Priscilla and her friend the "Proficiency Race Award", (many had flown to Anchorage on the airlines!).

Priscilla's aviation expertise and experience flying in remote wilderness areas all the way to the arctic, coupled with her buoyant personality, were greatly admired. In 2011, she was presented with the "Governor's Award" at the Ninety-Nine sectional meeting in Vancouver, Canada. This award is given annually to honor a member of the Northwest Section who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in aviation.

Priscilla passed away in her Bellevue home in 2020, age 94. The final tally of her pilot-in-command hours is just over 1,200. While her bright, loving spirit has flown to other realms, she is remembered here on earth with this scholarship, helping young women achieve their dreams of flight in the twenty-first century.



1990 Rainbow Lake



1980 Lake Yukon