

Patty Mitchell Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines Scholarship

Patty worked as a substitute teacher to pay for flying lessons. After quickly earning her private, commercial, Instrument and CFI certificates, she became one of Montana's first smoke jumper pilots. Later, she flew charters and borrowed money to earn a type rating on a Citation. She interviewed in 1987-88 with several airlines and ran into gender discrimination barriers, but kept trying. Finally, she was hired by United Airlines in 1988 on the basis of her "thinking out of the box" during communication emergencies. She was one of 200 women out of 8500 pilots. Discrimination and harassment made it difficult but she never gave up. She flew 727's, eventually earning a type rating in the 747 which she loved to fly. Patty retired from United at age 60. She continued flying, instructing, mentoring, was an aviation friend, leader and active member of the 99's until passing in 2021.



Name of Scholarship: Patty Mitchell Northwest Section Scholarship, 2024
Amount of Scholarship: Up to \$1,500.00
Application Due Date: March 15, 2024
Award Announcement: April 13, 2024, at the Spring Board of Directors Meeting

Brief Description: To support women pilots in the continued pursuit of aeronautical skills, both professionally and recreationally.

- Any Ninety-Nines member seeking to increase proficiency or regain currency by adding a new rating or certificate by participating in a defined training activity, e.g. instrument training, seaplane, tail wheel, mountain flying, aerobatics.
- This scholarship **IS available** to student pilots for initial flight training in obtaining their private pilot certificate.

Scholarship Requirements:

Application consists of the following:

- An essay strictly limited to 500 words, describing the applicant's objectives in obtaining the scholarship (i.e. professional aviation career; increasing proficiency; regaining currency), and how the scholarship will be used to advance that goal.
- Review Patty Mitchell's biography to identify your steps toward your aviation goal. The essay should address how you intend to use some of Patty's characteristics to achieve your goals. For example, how you deal with the gender gap and discrimination and/or examples of "thinking outside the box".
- Essays should emphasize what this training would mean to the applicant, and how the applicant would "**pay it forward**" to other Ninety-Nines by returning value to the aviation community.
- Any supporting documentation you deem important, such as:
 1. Evidence of passing written or practical test, if applicable.
 2. Current flight medical/BFR or other pertinent training
- Documented **TOTAL** cost of flight training requested and how you will pay for the additional cost of training not covered by the scholarship (make it clear that there are sufficient funds from other sources to complete the training or course of study). Financial need is **not** a requirement, but is an evaluation factor (tie-breaker).
- Letter of recommendation from applicant's chapter chair to verify member's activity level and participation in chapter activities.

Scholarship Limitations:

- Applicant must be a current member (in good standing) of the NW chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
- Training must be completed by June of the following year. June 30, 2025 for the 2024 award.

Other Information:

- Scholarship will be awarded based on qualified applicant.
- Scholarship funds will be reimbursed to scholarship recipient.
- For reimbursement; applicant must include a copy of receipt for services provided by instructor/agency showing fees paid, flight instructor's certificate, and contact information for flight instructor/agency.
- Reimbursement applies only to training/activity completed after scholarship application is **received**.
- **Invoices shall be submitted to the Treasurer of the Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines.**
- The Northwest Section of The Ninety-Nines Scholarship Committee may request additional information or documentation.

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Include this cover page in your application package

Applicant

Name _____

Address _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Name of chapter _____

Membership date _____

Name of rating, course, training _____

Checklist:

- **Watch the webinar “Scholarship Applications - Tools and Tips!” (11/7/2016), and “AEMSF Scholarships and Tips for Strengthening Your Application” (11/4/2020) on the 99s web site, <https://www.ninety-nines.org/webinars.htm>. Read the Instructions.**
- **Consult with your chapter scholarship chairman of intent to apply for scholarship.**
- Construct essay of maximum 500 words. Include items listed in the instructions.
- Include copies of student license or pilot certificate.
- Include copy of current medical certificate.
- Include results of airman knowledge course (as needed), or other applicable information.
- Include letter of recommendation from your chapter chairman.
- Email, in one file, your application package, including this page, to contact listed on the instruction page.

My application reflects an honest appraisal of my ability to complete the goal requested herein. My application is complete, true, and correct in every respect. I understand that any misrepresentation, concealment, or omission of required information is grounds for disqualification or withdrawal of scholarship or award. I understand that no payment will be made to any Award winner for milestones reached before the scholarship application is received.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name of Group Offering Scholarship:
Contact Information, Name & Position:
Telephone:
Email:

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