



Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship

The Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship offers two annual scholarships to members of the North Central Section (“NCS”) under the auspices of The Chicago Area Chapter of The Ninety-Nines (“CAC”).

One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 is to be used to assist a 99 in the completion of an additional pilot certificate or rating. Applicants must be a current pilot with the appropriate medical certificate.

The other scholarship offers \$1,000 to assist a Student Pilot Member toward completion of an initial pilot certificate in any aircraft. Applicants must have soloed, and, if required for the pilot certificate sought, must have a current medical certificate and must have passed the written exam.

Applicants must be a current member of The 99s, the NCS and their chapter in good standing.

Applicants must submit three (3) copies of each: the completed and signed application including the form; attached essay; letter of recommendation from their chapter chair; proof of certificates and ratings held; medical certificate; proof of date and score of knowledge tests taken; copy of last page(s) of logbook showing current hours flown; and a letter of reference from someone outside of the aviation community who is not a relative. These documents must be mailed to the address on the application form to be postmarked no later than the date indicated on the form.

Funds will be paid from receipts which document the training. Receipts must be signed by both the student and instructor and include copies of the logbook if applicable.

Funds are to be used within two years of the award date. Prior applicants and recipients may re-apply in future years.

The winning candidate and all candidates who did not qualify will be notified within one month after the receipt deadline.

2026
Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship Application
\$2,000 to a Ninety-Nine for Advanced Certificate or Rating

Name _____ email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Chapter: _____

Application for which certificate or rating? _____

Please attach an essay (essay may not exceed one page, one side only) and include at least the following elements:

1. Tell us about yourself, your activities in aviation, and participation in The Ninety-Nines. Be specific.
2. Describe your goals in aviation or aerospace, and opportunities. Tell us what you have already accomplished in pursuit of these goals, pertinent to specific certificate/rating sought. Why are you seeking this specific training? How will it help you to qualify for or to advance in an aviation-related profession or charitable cause?
3. Tell us how you have financed your training and education so far. Make a statement of financial need for completion of this training.
4. How will awarding you this scholarship benefit The Ninety-Nines and the aviation community?
5. If applicable, clearly explain any training request that might be considered unusual.

The completed application must include:

1. This form and attached essay.
2. Proof of certificates, ratings, knowledge test taken (with score) and medical held.
3. A copy of the last page(s) of your logbook showing current hours flown.
4. A letter of reference from someone not a family member and outside of the aviation community.
5. A letter of recommendation from your chapter chair.
6. The signed and dated Signature Form.

SIGNATURE FORM

Print full name: _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Return three (3) copies of the Application and attachments to:

Chicago Area Chapter of The Ninety-Nines
Cynthia Madsen
(see Ninety-Nines Directory for address)

Completed Application and Attachments Must Be Postmarked by **March 1, 2026**

2026
Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship Application
\$1,000 to a Student Pilot Member Ninety-Nines, Inc.
For Initial Pilot License

Name _____ email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Chapter: _____

Please attach an essay (essay may not exceed one page, one side only) and include at least the following elements:

1. Tell us about yourself, your activities in aviation, and participation in The Ninety-Nines. Be specific.
2. Tell us how you have financed your training and education so far. Make a statement of financial need for completion of this training.
3. How will awarding you this scholarship benefit The Ninety-Nines and the aviation community?
4. If applicable, clearly explain any training request that might be considered unusual.

The completed application must include:

1. This form and attached essay.
2. Proof of student medical certificate held, knowledge test taken (with score), and solo.
3. A copy of the last page(s) of your logbook showing current hours flown.
4. A letter of reference from someone not a family member and outside of the aviation community.
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