



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION



AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

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WHAT WE DO

- WE SUPPORT AND ADVANCE VIRGINIA'S 65 PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS
- FLY AND MAINTAIN THE COMMONWEALTH'S FOUR AIRCRAFT
- EDUCATE AND INSPIRE VIRGINIANS INTO THE WORLD OF AVIATION



COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION DIVISION

WHAT WE DO

- TEACH RESIDENTS ABOUT JOBS IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY
- MANAGE COMMUNICATION RELATED TO AVIATION AWARENESS
- PHOTO AND ART CONTESTS
- AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION
- EDUCATE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS ABOUT AVIATION
 - ICON A5
 - AVIATION GRANTS
 - COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



CHAD WEAVER AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2022 - 2023



The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) offers residents \$800 to complete ground school, take flight lessons, or do both! Scholarships are available to those seeking their private pilot's license or their certified flight instructor's endorsement at any Virginia flight school.



GROUND SCHOOL AND FLIGHT
INSTRUCTION SCHOLARSHIP OPEN
TO ANY VIRGINIA RESIDENT

SCHOLARSHIPS

Willard G. Plentl Sr. Aviation Scholarship Program

2022/2023 School Year

Willard G. Plentl Sr. was born in Houston, Texas, and began pilot training in the Army Air Corps in 1942. Mr. Plentl had a successful career as a military pilot that included serving during the Korean War and flying a variety of aircraft from trainers to bombers to fighters.

After his retirement from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1962, Mr. Plentl accepted a position with the Commonwealth of Virginia as Assistant Director, Division of Aeronautics, Virginia State Corporation Commission, and in 1964 he became Director of Aeronautics. In 1970, he was a member of the President's Aviation Advisory Committee, which helped shape America's current aviation system. Mr. Plentl retired from the Virginia Department of Aviation in 1984 and was elected to the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame that same year.

Mr. Plentl passed away May 19, 2005, leaving behind a devoted family and a record of outstanding service to aviation. In honor of this remarkable gentleman and his 22 years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, this scholarship program has been established.

Scholarship Requirements

The Willard G. Plentl Aviation Scholarship, in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded to a Virginia high school senior who is planning an aviation career in a non-engineering area. A certification of acceptance into a non-engineering, aviation-related postsecondary education program is required. Examples of non-engineering aviation careers include (but are not limited to) pilots, aviation maintenance technicians, aviation managers, etc. Scholarship applicants must have an unweighted GPA of at least 3.5. One scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded each year and is renewable.

To Apply:

1. Complete the attached application.
2. Have your guidance counselor or other high school official sign all required certifications.
3. Attach an official copy of your current high school transcript and a copy of acceptance letters or other verification of enrollment or acceptance into a post-secondary institution.
4. Attach to the application a typed, double-spaced essay (350 word minimum/500 word maximum) on the subject: "Why I Wish to Pursue a Career in Aviation."
5. Attach recommendation letters (no more than three) and a typed (one-page maximum) sheet listing both school-related and extracurricular activities demonstrating accomplishments and leadership capabilities.
6. Mail all documents to:

Plentl Scholarship
c/o Virginia Department of Aviation
Attn: Tony Sotelo
5702 Guilfover Road
Richmond, VA 23250-2422



John R. Lillard Foundation, Inc. Aviation Scholarship Program Application

2022/23 School Year

Dear Prospective Scholarship Applicant:

On behalf of the Virginia Airport Operators Council (VAOC), we would like to express our appreciation for your interest in the John R. Lillard VAOC Scholarship Program.

The scholarship you are seeking is named in honor of a friend, aviation enthusiast and great humanitarian. Through his leadership positions with the Capital Region Airport Commission (which operates Richmond International Airport, Chesterfield County Airport, and Eastern Airlines, John always displayed a zeal and thirst for life, aviation, family and friends. Because of his great spirit, we seek to share and commemorate his unique and special gifts with others. It is also through the kind and generous support of many of the members of the VAOC that this scholarship program is available to assist future aviation leaders as well as honor John. To this end, we're honored that you are contemplating applying for our 2022/23 scholarship award in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Please visit the Virginia Department of Aviation's website (www.doe.virginia.gov) to view the scholarship. In order for your application to be considered, you must be a Virginia high school senior; have at least a 3.50 unweighted GPA; be planning a career in the field of aviation; and must be enrolled or accepted into an aviation-related program at an accredited college. It is also necessary for you to:

1. Complete the attached application.
2. Have your guidance counselor or other high school official sign all required certifications.
3. Attach an official copy of your current high school transcript and a copy of acceptance letters or other verification of enrollment or acceptance into a post-secondary institution.
4. Attach to the application a typed, double-spaced essay (350 word minimum/500 word maximum) on the subject: "Why I Wish to Pursue a Career in Aviation."
5. Attach recommendation letters (no more than three) and a typed (one-page maximum) sheet listing both school-related and extracurricular activities demonstrating accomplishments and leadership capabilities.
6. Mail all documents to:

VAOC Scholarship, c/o Virginia Department of Aviation,
Attn: Tony Sotelo, 5702 Guilfover Road, Richmond, VA 23250-2422.

The deadline for receipt of applications with all documentation is Friday, March 3, 2023.

Applications will be evaluated as follows: 40% Scholarship (GPA), 35% Essay, and 25% Accomplishments and Leadership. Thank you again for your interest in the John R. Lillard Virginia Airport Operators Council Scholarship Program. Best wishes for continued success in your academic endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

The John R. Lillard Scholarship Foundation, Inc.



Kenneth R. Scott Aviation Scholarship Application

2022/23 School Year

Dear Prospective Scholarship Applicant:

On behalf of the Virginia Airport Operators Council (VAOC), we would like to express our appreciation for your interest in the Kenneth R. Scott VAOC Scholarship Program.

The scholarship you're seeking is named in honor of Ken and the many contributions he made to the advancement of airport management in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Scott's career spanned 38 years with the Norfolk Airport Authority. 37 of those years were as Executive Director. His positive influence and energy spanned beyond the greater Hampton Roads region of Virginia as Ken was instrumental in forming the VAOC, an industry group providing support to all airport operators in Virginia. Ken was extremely passionate about aviation training and education as evidenced by his role as an Adjunct Faculty Member for Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University and serving on the Virginia Aviation and Space Education Forum (VASEF) Board of Directors. VAOC is honored that you're considering applying for the Kenneth R. Scott Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Please visit the Virginia Department of Aviation's website (www.doe.virginia.gov) to view the scholarship. In order for your application to be considered, you must be a Virginia high school senior; have at least a 3.50 unweighted GPA; be planning a career in the field of aviation; and must be enrolled or accepted into an aviation-related program at an accredited college. It is also necessary for you to:

1. Complete the attached application.
2. Have your guidance counselor or other high school official sign all required certifications.
3. Attach an official copy of your current high school transcript and a copy of acceptance letters or other verification of enrollment or acceptance into a post-secondary institution.
4. Attach to the application a typed, double-spaced essay (350 word minimum/500 word maximum) on the subject: "Why I Wish to Pursue a Career in Aviation."
5. Attach recommendation letters (no more than three) and a typed (one-page maximum) sheet listing both school-related and extracurricular activities demonstrating accomplishments and leadership capabilities.
6. Mail all documents to:

VAOC Scholarship, c/o Virginia Department of Aviation,
Attn: Tony Sotelo, 5702 Guilfover Road, Richmond, VA 23250-2422.
The deadline for receipt of applications with all documentation is Friday, March 3, 2023. Applications will be evaluated as follows: 40% Scholarship (GPA), 35% Essay, and 25% Accomplishments and Leadership.

Thank you again for your interest in the Kenneth R. Scott Scholarship. Best wishes for continued success in your academic endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

The Virginia Airport Operators Council

WILLARD G. PLENTL
NON-ENGINEERING AVIATION
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FOR
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**JOHN R. LILLARD
FOUNDATION**
GPA BASED AVIATION
SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH
SCHOOL SENIORS

KENNETH R. SCOTT
GPA BASED AVIATION
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TEACHER'S GRANT

The Teacher's Grant reimburses schools or teachers for the expenses of implementing their aviation-inspired lesson.

UP TO \$500

TEACHER'S GRANT APPLICATION 2022-2023

The Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) Teachers Grant is open to all Virginia teachers in grades K-12. One teacher per school can receive up to \$500 for teaching an aviation themed lesson that enhances their students' learning experience.



TEACHER'S GRANT

Past grant uses include but are not limited to:

- Model rockets, airplanes, and gliders
- Developing and building aircraft and drones
- Airport and air museum field trips
- Purchasing art materials



QUESTIONS?

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