



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION



AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

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WHAT WE DO

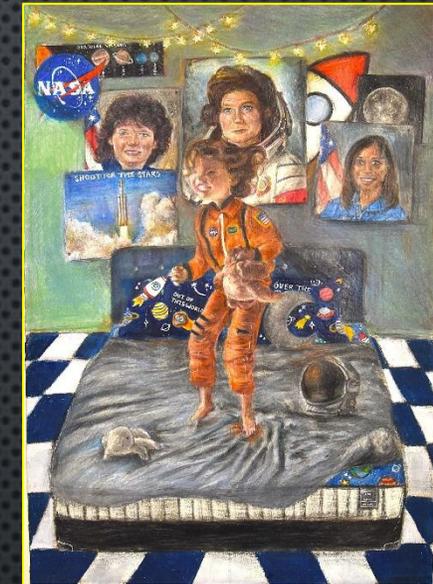
- WE SUPPORT AND ADVANCE VIRGINIA'S 65 PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS
- FLY AND MAINTAIN THE COMMONWEALTH'S FOUR AIRCRAFT
- EDUCATE AND INSPIRE VIRGINIANS INTO THE WORLD OF AVIATION



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



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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 18, 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) pilot, aviation maintenance technician, aviation manager, 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
5202 Guilford Road
Richmond, VA 23250-2422

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

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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