



John R. Lillard Foundation, Inc. Aviation Scholarship

2023-2024 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 scholarship award in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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 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 on the subject **"Why I Wish to Pursue a Career in Aviation"** (350 word minimum / 500 word maximum).
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 Gulfstream Road, Richmond, VA 23250-2422**

The deadline for receipt of applications with all documentation is Friday, March 1, 2024.

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.