

# Bay Cities Chapter of the 99s – 2026 Scholarships

The Bay Cities Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is proud to announce our two 2026 scholarships:

- **The Jean Tinsley Memorial Student Pilot Scholarship**
- **The Maria D'Amato Memorial Advanced Rating Scholarship**

The purpose of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance for flight training, materials, ground school, and exams for women working on any certificate, rating, or endorsement.

Scholarship award amounts of up to \$3,000 each will be determined by our scholarship committee based on the needs of selected applicants.

## Eligibility:

- ✓ Open to female applicants who are at least 16 years of age by April 19, 2026, per their medical/pilot certificate.
- ✓ Applicants must hold a current medical certificate.
- ✓ Applicants must have at least five hours of flight time with a flight instructor within the last six months.
- ✓ **All applicants** must reside within California, north of the Clovis CZQ VOR 075/255 radials (FYI, this is a change from 2025). Foreflight will be used for address verification if needed.
- ✓ **Student pilot applicants must be eligible for a Private Pilot or Sport Pilot certificate in the United States and must possess a fully issued FAA student pilot certificate at the time of application.**
- ✓ **Student pilot applicants do not need to be a member of the 99s.**
- ✓ **Advanced rating applicants must hold a valid FAA Private Pilot certificate or higher at the time of application.**
- ✓ **Advanced rating applicants must be a member of the Southwest Section of the 99s.**



## To apply, submit the following documents per these instructions:

1. Application Cover Sheet - completed and signed.
  2. Applicant Essay – one page maximum. Include specific information on your financial need, your aviation short-term and long-term goals, community and aviation involvement, and where you are in your training.
  3. Budget Statement - All student pilot applicants must complete and submit this form.
  4. Letter(s) of Recommendation, one page maximum.
    - a. Student pilot applicants must submit one letter, preferably from a CFI or other aviation professional.
    - b. Advanced rating applicants must submit two letters of recommendation: one from an aviation professional, and one from someone outside aviation to comment on you from a personal perspective.
  5. Medical certificate – Provide a copy of the top half of the full-page document.
  6. Pilot certificate – Provide a color copy of both sides of your pilot certificate.
  7. Logbook page copies – Student pilots only.
    - a. Student pilots must submit color copies of both sides of the last two pages of their logbook.
    - b. All logbook entries for flights and ground instruction must be signed by a CFI.
    - c. Logbook pages must be totaled at the bottom of each page, including incomplete pages.
    - d. Totals can be written in pencil, but all logbook entries must be written in pen.
  8. Application Checklist – checked and signed.
- All documents must be combined into a single .pdf file with a file name of “my name” and “2026 scholarship application” (example: “Amber Gray 2026 scholarship application”).
  - Email the .pdf file, with your name and “2026 scholarship application” in the subject line of the email, to BOTH [scholarships@baycities99s.org](mailto:scholarships@baycities99s.org) and [bcc99s@gmail.com](mailto:bcc99s@gmail.com).
  - The application must be received electronically no later than midnight on April 19, 2026, Pacific Time.**

## Guidelines:

- ✓ This scholarship is for reimbursement of flight training supplies and expenses incurred after the date the scholarship is awarded, related to the rating/certificate of your scholarship.
- ✓ Please keep in mind that your application is a reflection of you. Neatness, following directions to the letter, and application presentation all matter.
- ✓ Applicants may be asked to participate in a phone interview with the scholarship committee.
- ✓ Funds must be claimed within one year of the date the scholarship is awarded.
- ✓ Original receipts will be required for reimbursement and must be signed by both the recipient and her CFI.
- ✓ **The scholarship committee will notify all applicants of our decisions by May 17, 2026.**

# Bay Cities Chapter of the Ninety-Nines 2026 Scholarships Application Cover Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**For which scholarship are you applying? Check one:**

**The Student Pilot Scholarship in memory of Jean Tinsley**  
I am a student pilot working on my private pilot or sport pilot certificate.

**The Advanced Rating Scholarship in honor of Maria D'Amato**  
I already hold a current pilot certificate and would use this scholarship towards a(n)  
\_\_\_\_\_ certificate/rating/endorsement.

**Are you currently a member of the 99s? If so, which chapter, and when did you join?**  
(This is not a requirement for scholarship application, and is for informational purposes only.)

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Hold Harmless Agreement: By submitting an application for this scholarship, all applicants agree to the following statement. Neither the Bay Cities chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., the Southwest Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., The Ninety-Nines, nor their members, agents, or representatives are responsible for the quality of any training received with this scholarship, nor any accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of the scholarship is performing flight training, education, technical training or activities related thereto. I hereby release the Ninety-Nines and any of its affiliated organizations from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in any activities related to this scholarship.

**Applicant signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Bay Cities Chapter of the Ninety-Nines 2026 Scholarships Budget Statement - Student Pilots Only

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**How far have you progressed in your flight training?**

- My first flight lesson was on (date): \_\_\_\_\_
- I am enrolled in, or have completed, ground school.....   
     Course name/location: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have soloed Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have completed at least one dual cross-country flight.....
- I have completed one solo cross-country flight.....
- I have completed two solo cross-country flights.....
- I have passed the written exam, score: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have started check-ride prep.....

**How much more do you believe it will cost for you to complete your Private or Sport certificate?  
Fill in the blanks below to estimate the total amount needed to complete your initial training.**

Study and test prep materials, please list: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Add'l ground instruction still needed: \_\_\_\_\_ hours at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Aircraft rental time with flight instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ hours at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Solo aircraft rental time: \_\_\_\_\_ hours at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Examiner check-ride fee: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any other add'l costs you foresee, please list: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**How do you plan to pay for the rest of your training if you are not awarded this scholarship?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**When do you plan on completing your training?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**How have you financed your training so far?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Bay Cities Chapter of the Ninety-Nines 2026 Scholarships Application Checklist

We recognize that applying for a scholarship is very time-consuming for you, for the people who write letters of recommendation for you, and for the people who manage this scholarship program. If you choose to apply for this scholarship, please respect the time of everyone involved by delivering the best application you possibly can.

As members of the Scholarship Committee for the Bay Cities Chapter of the 99s, we see part of our role in this process as mentors and want to help you deliver the most competitive application possible. Please know that details matter and following instructions are of the greatest importance. Have questions? Please ask!

***Also, please confirm you have addressed all elements below by signing and submitting this checklist with your application.***

**Please check all applicable boxes as you confirm your application is ready to be submitted.**

## **Student Pilot Applicants:**

- I have included my budget statement.
- I have included copies of both sides of the last two pages of my logbook.
- I have included one letter of recommendation.

## **Advanced Rating applicants:**

- I have included two letters of recommendation.

## **ALL applicants:**

- I have read the scholarship application tips page on the Bay Cities 99s website:  
<https://www.baycities99s.org/scholarship/scholarship-application-tips/>.  
***This is very important! Please be sure to actually review this site and see the examples before checking this box and submitting your application.***
- I have included a completed copy of the 'Application Cover Sheet'.
- I have included my introductory essay.
- I have included a copy of both sides of my pilot certificate.
- I have included a copy of the top half of my full-page medical certificate.
- I have combined all the required documents into one .pdf file.
- I have named my .pdf application file per the instructions.
- I will send my application to **BOTH** [scholarships@baycities99s.org](mailto:scholarships@baycities99s.org) and [bcc99s@gmail.com](mailto:bcc99s@gmail.com), with the .pdf file name as the subject of the email.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_