



Educating Vertical Flight Leaders of Tomorrow

VERTICAL FLIGHT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Vertical Flight Society's philanthropic arm, the Vertical Flight Foundation (VFF), was established in 1967, and began making awards in 1977. The Foundation is an independent charitable trust for the support of education in vertical-takeoff-and-landing (VTOL) technology. The Foundation's awards are made possible solely by tax deductible donations that have established and contributed to an endowment. The Vertical Flight Society pays for all operational and administrative expenses.

Each year the VFF awards scholarships to college level students who demonstrate an interest in pursuing engineering related careers in vertical flight technology. To date, the Foundation has awarded nearly 600 scholarships to students from throughout the world.

The Vertical Flight Foundation scholarships are solely merit-based and the value of the scholarships range from \$1,000 up to \$6,000 (USD). The program is open to full-time students attending a university or college located anywhere in the world and regardless of a student's nationality.

The overall top ranking applicant receives the \$6,000 Bell scholarship award, provided by a VFF endowment from the company. In addition, the applicant who shows the most interest and appreciation on the importance of improving vertical flight affordability will be considered for the Jing Yen Cost Awareness scholarship worth up to \$6,000, generously donated Dr. Jing Yen.

Eligibility

- A student does not need to be a member of *The Vertical Flight Society*.
- High school students are not eligible.
- **All applicants must be a full-time student at the time of application on February 1. In addition, the student should be registered in the relevant engineering degree program at least one (1) academic term after the scholarship awards, which are presented at the Society's Annual Forum in May**
- Technical disciplines relevant to complex aeronautics engineering or aviation systems, even if not considered vertical lift engineering, will receive equal consideration.
- A student can receive a VFF scholarship award once as an Undergraduate, once as a Master's student, and once as a Graduate student.
- *In order to qualify for consideration of the Jing Yen Cost Awareness scholarship of \$6000, an applicant must demonstrate a detailed interest and appreciation on the importance of affordability and how it might be improved within the vertical flight community. **Affordability information should be highlighted via an applicant's narrative and resume.***

Eligibility for each degree category is as follows.

Undergraduate / Bachelor's (BS) Degree Category

- A college student pursuing an eligible engineering undergraduate degree.
- The student will have at least one-term of university work towards the relevant Bachelor's program *after the awarding of scholarships at the Annual Forum, May 7-9, 2024.*
- Note:
 - A senior graduating in May of 2024 is eligible to apply for the MS category if they will be continuing immediately after graduation to a graduate studies program, either MS, PhD, or MS/PhD combined graduate studies program. If the senior is not accepted into a relevant graduate program by May 2024, the student is not eligible.
 - A senior graduating with a BS degree in May 2024 is NOT eligible to apply in the BS category.

Master of Science (MS) Degree Category

- A master student pursuing an eligible MS engineering degree.
- The student will have at least one-term of university work towards their current MS program *after the awarding of scholarships at the Annual Forum, May 7-9, 2024.*
- Note: if in a combined Masters/PhD program, the student is eligible under the MS category if they have not passed qualifying exams as of the application deadline in February 2024 and do not already have an MS degree.

Doctoral (PhD) Degree Category

- A graduate student who already has an MS degree or is in a combined MS/PhD program and verification of formally meeting doctoral degree requirement such as qualifying exams.
- The student will have at least one-term remaining in their current PhD program *after the awarding of scholarships at the Annual Forum, May 7-9, 2024.*

A complete application package must include the following in order to be eligible for review:

- Completed Scholarship Application Form
- Resume
- Narrative
- Official University/School Transcript*
- Professor Letter of Recommendation*

****Documents must come directly from the school registrar or the professor. Any transcripts or letters of recommendation sent by a student will NOT be eligible for review.***

Other information

- Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee. The Foundation will award several scholarships annually unless there are no qualified applicants.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified by the VFF Coordinator of the decision by late March/early April and all decisions are final.
- All VFF documents, including step-by-step guidelines/instructions and an online application can be found at www.vtol.org/vff.

Selection Criteria

- Experience (work history, research, paper publications from resume) 35%
- Narrative – 25%
- Letter(s) of Recommendation – 20%
- Academics – 10%
- Extra Curricula Activities – 10%

VFF Coordinator Contact Information:

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DUE DATE

ALL VFF documents must be received by the VFF Coordinator by **February 1, 2024 at the email or address below in order to be eligible for review.**

There are no extensions or exceptions to the above deadline date – so you must plan to have your application, transcripts and recommendation letters arrive **ON OR BEFORE THAT DATE.**

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SECTION I

Please complete all sections.

Full Name: _____

Present University Name: _____

University City, State, Country: _____

Permanent Residence Street Address: _____

Permanent City, State, Postal Code, Country: _____

Preferred Phone Number to be contacted: _____

Preferred Email to be contacted: _____

I hereby certify that the information contained in this Application for Scholarship is true and correct and that I have planned for submission of my official grade transcript and a letter or recommendation by a dean or professor affiliated with my university.

Professor's Name: _____

Professor's Email _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SECTION II – EDUCATION

Please list all schools attended, starting with the most recent first, i.e. the school you currently attend should appear on line 1.

School Name/City, State, Country	Enrollment Date	Expected Graduation Date	Full or Part-Time	Cum. GPA	Academic Concentration
1.					
2.					
3.					

What is your current academic level?

- B.S.**
 M.S.
 Ph.D.

In what academic category are you applying? [Refer to eligibility criteria for each category.]

- B.S.**
 M.S.
 Ph.D.

If you are continuing to another degree program, what will be your academic level *after May 2024*? [Refer to eligibility criteria.]

- Not Applicable**
 B.S.
 M.S.
 Ph.D.

Do you want to be considered for the Jing Yen Cost Awareness scholarship worth \$6,000?

- Yes**
 No

If you answered Yes to the above, you MUST include a detailed interest and recognition on the importance of affordability and how it might be improved within the vertical flight community in your narrative and resume information.

What is your school's grading system? A= _____

If the cumulative GPA you list for the school you currently attend covers one year or less of academic work, you must submit two transcripts, one for the school you currently attend and one for the school you previously attended.

What is your current GPA (present semester/quarter)? From _____ to _____
 GPA _____

If the scholarship is to be used at a school other than the one you currently attend (line 1 above), or if the scholarship is to be used for an advanced degree program at the same school, please complete the table below.

School Name/City, State, Country	Enrollment Date	Expected Graduation Date	Full or Part-Time	Cum. GPA	Academic Concentration

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SECTION III – NARRATIVE

Please provide a printed, legible narrative below or as a separate document in PDF or Word format and please include page numbers.

The narrative should provide a personal statement regarding your passion for aeronautics/aeronautical engineering or complex aviation systems, and vertical flight technology specifically and NOT be a restatement of your resume or description of research. It should describe how your studies will assist in pursuing and growing that passion. It should highlight specific interest, perspective and experience in important and relevant topics to the vertical flight community, such as affordability.

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Name: _____

Preferred Email: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

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SECTION IV – RESUME

Please complete the following OR attach a resume template of your choice. Fill out the resume accurately and concisely and please include page numbers.

For undergraduates, any pertinent experience, history, honors/awards are activities from Secondary/High School may be included, such as Civil Air Patrol, work in aerospace industry, etc.

Name and Address

Email/Phone Contact Information

Career Objective

Experience/Employment History/Research (if it has not resulted in paper, publication or presentation)

- Vertical Flight Technology
- Other Aerospace
- Other
- *For consideration of the \$6,000 Jing Yen Cost Awareness scholarship, applicant MUST include any cost awareness research.*

Papers/Publications/Presentations (can list any of these)

- Vertical Flight Technology
- Other Aerospace
- Other

Professional Societies/Association Memberships/Extra-Curricular Activities (if held an office or worked on a special project briefly describe what you did)

- Vertical Flight Technology
- Other Aerospace
- Other (include community service)

Awards/Grants/Fellowships/Scholarships

Skills (such as languages, computing, etc.)

NOTES:

- Provide any other information you would like the VFF Committee to consider.
- Submit in PDF or Word format.