



Iowa Chapter
North Central Section
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots

2025 CHECKRIDE AWARD GUIDELINES

Purpose

This award provides \$500 in support of successful completion of a checkride for the private pilot certificate or more advanced level certificate/rating (e.g., instrument, commercial, etc.). The award is intended to support the aspirations of women to pursue aviation as a career or for personal achievements.

Award Eligibility

1. U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.
2. resident of the State of Iowa; if not a resident of Iowa, the applicant must provide documentation that:
 - a) she is closely affiliated (student, faculty, staff) with a college/university in the State of Iowa, OR
 - b) that she resides in a contiguous state lacking a nearby 99s Chapter that is active.
3. membership in the 99s for at least one month prior to submission of the application
4. proficient in English
5. at least 16 years of age
6. solo endorsement or private pilot certificate; if appropriate, applicant must possess a current flight review
7. current FAA medical certificate for the certificate/rating pursued
8. passed written examination for the certificate/rating pursued
9. Applicants may not receive the award more than twice and not in consecutive years.

Awardee Responsibilities

1. successful completion of the checkride within 1 year of award
2. meet with Iowa 99s Scholarship Chair or assigned Iowa 99s mentor to provide bimonthly progress reports signed by awardee and instructor with logbook copies
3. attend Iowa 99s meeting to provide 3 brief progress reports (every 4 months), including a final report after successful completion of the checkride
4. submit documentation of successful completion of the checkride

Application Deadline – May 15

Award Application

1. Completed Application form
2. Copy of your Solo Endorsement OR Private Pilot Certificate (or higher)
3. Copy of current FAA medical
4. Copy of logbook pages for last 6 months
5. Two letters of recommendation – instructor and another aviation-related reference (pilot or non-pilot, but someone who can speak to the applicant’s character)
6. Essay (500 words) – What is your goal in aviation? How will you continue in aviation following the successful completion of your checkride? How will you contribute to the mission of the 99s?

Awardee Selection Panel (3-member panel of judges from aviation community selected by Iowa 99s)

1. Iowa 99s Scholarship Chair (or designate from Iowa 99s) plus 2 individuals from among the following organizations:
 - a) Iowa Aviation Promotion Group member
 - b) Iowa Certified Flight Instructor
 - c) Iowa Aviation-Related Corporation
 - d) Iowa EAA Chapter member
 - e) Iowa FAASTeam member
 - f) NCS 99s member (not in the Iowa Chapter)
2. Judges will serve 2-year terms and rotate on/off the committee in staggered years.
3. Selections will be based on completion of the award ranking form (scoresheet) that assigns numerical values for criteria required in application documents
4. If there are no qualified applicants, the selection panel reserves the right to withhold the award.

Award Submission and Processing Timeline

1. Applications due by **May 15**
2. Applications submitted for panel review by **June 1**
3. Application reviews submitted to the Iowa Chapter Chair by **June 15**
4. Award recipient notified by **July 1**
5. Award recipient submits bimonthly progress reports (including logbook records) beginning **September 1**
6. Award recipient submits documentation of successful checkride completion by **July 1, 2026**

Questions? Contact Jennifer Myren, *Iowa 99s Scholarship Chair*
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