



Federal City Chapter of the Vertical Flight Society
invites applicants for Engineering Scholarships
for the 2025–2026 School Year

Scholarship grants are based upon academic merit and will be awarded to the best-qualified applicants as determined during a selection process in April 2026. The quantity of scholarships may vary depending upon endowment income, but the value of each typically ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

To become eligible for a scholarship award:

1. Applicant must be a full-time sophomore or more senior student (including advanced degree candidates) in an accredited engineering degree program focused in rotorcraft for the 2025–2026 school year.
2. Applicant must not have received a previous Federal City Chapter scholarship.
3. Applicant must submit Application for Scholarship, Sections I through IV (attached).
4. Applicant must additionally provide the following supporting documents:
 - a. At least one reference letter (academic endorsement) from a professor at your university (additional letters are permissible, but no more than three reference letters will be considered).
 - b. Past and current cumulative transcripts of collegiate grades.
5. Applicant must submit the application and supporting information to the following e-mail address no later than March 31, 2026. Please include “VFS Federal City Scholarship” and the applicant’s name in the subject line.

Seyhan Gul
Director of Scholarships & Fundraising
Email: scholarships@fcc.vtol.org

Administrative Information:

1. Applications will be evaluated by the Chapter's Scholarship Selection Committee. Preference will be granted to applicants pursuing engineering degrees with heavy concentration on rotorcraft studies.

2. Scholarship winners will be notified in April/May, with formal recognition during a later membership dinner meeting in the Washington, DC area.

3. For administrative inquiries, contact:

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4. Disbursement of scholarship funds will be made directly to the University Registrar by the Chapter Treasurer on behalf of the student.

5. Applicants for the Federal City Chapter's Scholarship Program are also encouraged to consider the scholarship opportunity provided by the VFS Vertical Flight Foundation (see www.vtol.org/vff.html).

Application Deadline:
March 31, 2026

<i>For Office Use Only</i>
Application Tracking Number: _____

**2025–2026 Academic Year
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Section I. Eligibility Certification

Applicant's Name: _____

For Statistical Records, Month/Year of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Present Address: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

I hereby certify that the information contained in this Application for Scholarship is true and correct. I affirm that I will be a sophomore or more senior student in an accredited engineering degree program during the 2025–2026 school year and that I intend to apply the scholarship toward pursuit of an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree in aerospace engineering.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Section II. Education Summary

Applicant's Name: _____

List all colleges/universities you have attended in a reverse-chronological order (i.e., the school you currently attend should appear first):

University Name & Location	Enrollment & Graduation Dates	Full or Part Time	Cum. GPA	Degree (BS, MS, PhD)	Academic Major

2. What level of study will you be pursuing in the Fall of 2026? _____

3. What is your current school's (first entry above) grading system? A = _____ points

Note: As appropriate, attach an explanation about the school's method for GPA calculations.

4. Will you be a full-time student for the entire 2025–2026 school year? _____

If you answered "No", please explain: _____

5. If the scholarship is to be used at a university other than the one you currently attend or if the scholarship is to be used for an advanced degree program at UMD, complete the table below and attach a copy of the letter of acceptance/proof of admission.

University Name & Location	Enrollment & Graduation Dates	Have you been accepted?	Full or Part Time	Degree (BS, MS, PhD)	Academic Major

Section III. Scholarship Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

To Applicant: Deliver this form to at least one university professor who will provide a reference for you. The professor should have direct, personal knowledge of your character, academic achievements, and potential. Do not include relatives.

Name of Reference: _____

University: _____

Position Title: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

1. Please provide your assessment of the applicant's character with respect to his/her:

a. Integrity _____

b. Work ethic _____

c. Teamwork _____

d. Intellectual curiosity _____

e. Academic potential _____

2. Based upon your personal knowledge of the applicant, please indicate below the relative strength of your recommendation:

_____ Strongest Possible Recommendation / Superb Candidate

_____ Above Average Recommendation / Good Candidate

_____ Average Recommendation / Fair Candidate

_____ Below Average Recommendation / Weak Candidate

3. On a separate page (or the back of this page), please provide brief comments (i.e., a paragraph or bullet-style) regarding the applicant's personal qualities that mark him/her as a worthy candidate for a merit scholarship award and your assessment of his/her potential for success in future academic and applied engineering endeavors.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email no later than March 31, 2026:

Seyhan Gul, Director of Scholarship and Fundraising at scholarships@fcc.vtol.org

Section IV. Applicant's Narrative

Applicant's Name: _____

Provide a 1–2 page narrative regarding: (1) your academic interests (including your reasons for selecting the university and the specific curriculum for which the scholarship grant will be used); (2) your future career interest in aviation engineering; (3) your previous work/research experience related to aviation. If space permits, you may also list relevant awards, scholarships, leadership experience, hobbies, memberships in professional societies/associations, extra-curricular activities, science projects, or publications.