



## 2026 CAP Scholarship Application Guide

Canadian Aviation Pride's scholarship program exists to support and uplift LGBTQ+ students and allies pursuing careers across Canada's aviation and aerospace sector.

Through the generosity of our partners, sponsors, and community, CAP awards multiple scholarships each year to students who demonstrate a commitment to aviation, leadership within their communities, and a dedication to advancing inclusion in the industry.

Applicants submit one application and are automatically considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. Each scholarship has its own focus and selection considerations, and applicants are encouraged to review the individual descriptions carefully and tailor their responses where relevant. No applicant may receive more than one scholarship in the same cycle.

All applications will be evaluated based on the quality and completeness of responses. Applicants will be assessed on their financial need, community involvement, and their commitment to aviation, including dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and support for LGBTQ+ representation within the field.

Responses should be honest, well written, and within the specified character limits. Information provided may require supporting documentation, and applicants may be contacted for an interview to discuss their application further.

The application form is available at [HERE](#). Applicants may save their progress at any time by clicking "Save" at the bottom of the form. A pop-up window will appear on top of the form (you may need to scroll up) where applicants can select "Skip create an account" and enter their email address to receive a link to return to their application later.

The application has 6 sections:

1. Applicant Information
2. Academic & Career Goals
3. Financial Need
4. Community Involvement & Leadership
5. Additional Information
6. Consent & Declaration

**Applications are due March 31, 2026 at 23:59 Pacific Time.**



Applicants will be notified of the results toward the end of April 2026. Scholarship recipients will be formally recognized at the Canadian Aviation Pride Gala on May 22, 2026 and are encouraged to attend in person. CAP will support reasonable travel expenses for successful applicants. Scholarship funds will be issued directly to the recipient's educational institution.

Below are the general requirements as well as any additional requirements for specific scholarships.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please email [ED@aviationpride.ca](mailto:ED@aviationpride.ca)

## General Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a Canadian Aviation Pride scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a member of Canadian Aviation Pride (free student membership is available).
- Be enrolled in an accredited educational institution and actively pursuing a career in aviation or aerospace.
- Identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQ+ community or as an ally.
- Demonstrate a commitment to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion in aviation, including LGBTQ+ representation and community engagement.
- Clearly articulate their career goals and how the scholarship will support their progress in the field.
- Meet any additional requirements listed under individual scholarships below.
- Agree to have their name and photo shared if selected as a recipient.

This year, we are proud to offer a total of **\$20,000** through seven scholarships:

- \$5,000 Tyler Bryson Scholarship by WestJet.
- \$5,000 NAV CANADA Kaleidoscope Scholarship.
- \$5,000 NAV CANADA X Canadian Aviation Pride Scholarship.
- \$1,500 CAP Chair's Scholarship.
- \$1,500 CAP Community Scholarship.
- \$1,000 PRISM (Pride, Resilience, Inclusion, Strength and Mentorship) Scholarship by Elevate Aviation.
- \$1,000 Phoenix Wings Scholarship by the Busch family.



## Additional Scholarship Requirements

The **Tyler Bryson Scholarship** by WestJet is for pilot training and will be awarded to a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who provides the following additional requirements:

- Resume
- Reference letter from instructor or professor
- Answer the question “Tyler Bryson embodied WestJet’s core values with purpose and passion, both as a pilot and as a WestJetter. Please describe how you demonstrate these values in your aviation journey and through the positive contributions you make within your community.”
- Follow up with WestJet one year after to share how the scholarship supported the recipient’s development.

### WestJet Core Values

- **ACT LIKE AN OWNER**

I take responsibility for my decisions and accountability for the outcomes.

- **CARE FROM THE HEART**

I do the right thing and do things right because I care.

- **RISE TO THE CHALLENGE**

I have the courage of a champion, relentless in my pursuit.

- **WORK TOGETHER TO WIN**

I play my part, connecting as one team. Together we fly.

The **NAV CANADA Kaleidoscope Scholarship** will be awarded to someone who identifies as being trans, non-binary, two-spirit or anywhere else in the spectrum of gender diversity, or an ally to gender-diverse or gender-nonconforming individuals.

Additionally, the applicant should be pursuing education or training **related to aviation and/or STEM**, including (but not limited to):

- Aviation operations or management
- Aerospace studies
- Engineering or technology fields
- Skilled trades supporting aviation infrastructure
- Other STEM-aligned programs relevant to NAV CANADA's mission, vision, or activities

The **NAV CANADA X Canadian Aviation Pride Scholarship** will be awarded to someone who is pursuing education or training **related to aviation and/or STEM**, including (but not limited to):

- Aviation operations or management
- Aerospace studies
- Engineering or technology fields
- Skilled trades supporting aviation infrastructure
- Other STEM-aligned programs relevant to NAV CANADA's mission, vision, or activities



The **PRISM Scholarship** by Elevate Aviation will be awarded to a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who identifies as a woman or non-binary and requires:

- A letter of recommendation from a mentor, instructor, or colleague that speaks to your character, dedication, and/or potential to contribute meaningfully to aviation and its growing inclusivity.

The **CAP Chair's Scholarship, CAP Community Scholarship, and the Phoenix Wings Scholarship** will be awarded to a Canadian citizen or permanent resident pursuing a career in aviation including but not limited to college or university degrees, pilot training, flight attendant training, aircraft maintenance training.