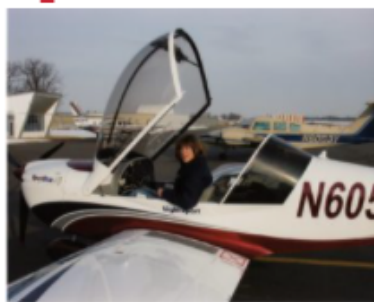


Shelly Szepanski Memorial Flight Scholarship

Applications Open January 20th, 2021 - April 8th, 2021

The Shelly Szepanski Memorial Flight Scholarship is currently accepting applications.

The 2021 Shelly Szepanski Memorial Flight Scholarship will run January 20th, 2021 – April 8th, 2021. Applications must be submitted no later than 5 pm AKST.



Shelly was born in Minneapolis on February 4, 1967, and lived in Juneau, Anchorage, McGrath and Fairbanks for most of her 41 years. She was a wildlife biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Fairbanks. A true Alaskan adventures, she loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing and especially flying.

The Shelly Szepanski Memorial Flight Training Scholarship, a fund of The Alaska Community Foundation, will provide an **award of up to \$5,000** to help qualified applicants earn their private or commercial/instrument ratings, including a float rating. This is the final year of this scholarship opportunity.

Qualifications:

- Female
- Enrolled in a science-related degree program
- Passed FAA written flight test and medical exam
- Pursuit of flying as a part of science-related career goals
- Prior year awardees are eligible to reapply

Preferences:

- Enrolled in the University of Alaska system and demonstrate financial need.
- Studying wildlife biology or natural resources

Criteria:

- Complete the **online application** for the Shelly Szepanski Scholarship
- **Essay.** Upload an essay that is approximately 1,000 words. Describe your background, your educational and professional goals, how flying is relevant to these goals, and your specific qualifications for this scholarship.
- **Letters of recommendation.** Upload two letters of recommendation.
- **Resume.** Upload resume and/or summary of work experience, activities, personal interests or community service participation.
- **Transcripts.** Upload official transcripts from all relevant institutions. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
- Upload a copy of **FAA written exam results** and **current FAA medical certificate.**
- **Statement of Financial Need.** Upload a document that details the specific costs of your education and flight training. Include other sources of support, income, expenses and any mitigating circumstances regarding your financial need.

Award Conditions:

The scholarship award is intended to be used to support the completion of your private pilot's license. If you already have your private pilot's license funds may be used toward commercial and/or instrument ratings. Should this be the case, you must submit the following to ACF:

- A report upon completion of your private license, including the total cost incurred.
- Goals toward additional ratings and the name of the flight school you plan to attend to attain these ratings.

IMPORTANT: Successful applicants must submit the name and address of their flight school to ACF through the online system before their award can be disbursed. If we do not receive the above information by **July 31, 2021, the scholarship may not be awarded. Please contact ACF if you cannot send in the information by this date.**

Contact The Alaska Community Foundation with questions: scholarships@alaskacf.org or 907-334-6700

To Apply visit: <https://alaskacf.org/blog/scholarships/shelly-szepanski-memorial-flight-scholarship-2/>

Deadline: April 8th, 2021