

2026

Edward W. Stimpson
Aviation Excellence
Award Scholarship



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Edward W. Stimpson Aviation Excellence Award

Application Information

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) is an international trade association dedicated to fostering and advancing the general welfare, safety, interests, and activities of the global business and general aviation industry. GAMA represents over 140 of the world's leading manufacturers of general aviation aircraft, engines, avionics, and components, as well as operators of maintenance facilities, fixed base operations, aircraft fleets, and pilot and training facilities. GAMA offers the Edward W. Stimpson Aviation Excellence Award annually as part of its commitment to advancing careers in general aviation.

Eligibility Criteria

An applicant must:

1. Be a current student at a U.S. high school, graduating in the Spring of 2026;
2. Be accepted to and enrolling in an institution for an aviation-related degree program (*e.g.*, flight training, aviation management, aerospace engineering, aviation maintenance); and
3. Have a 3.0 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Application Contents

1. Application form
2. Essay question response
3. Current high school transcript
4. Letter(s) of recommendation (maximum two)

Applicants will be assessed on their academic achievements, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and their essay question responses.

Send completed application packages to (electronic submissions preferred):

scholarships@gama.aero or Attn: Stimpson Scholarship
General Aviation Manufacturers Associations
1400 K St NW, Suite 801
Washington, DC 20005

Completed applications must be received by GAMA by April 24, 2026. Two winners will be chosen annually to receive a \$2,000 USD award. GAMA will notify the winner by email.

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Questions? Contact Megan Brien at mbrien@gama.aero.

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Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

Institution
(attending in Fall 2026): _____

Degree Program: _____

For subsequent questions, applicants may attach additional pages and or a resume.

GPA (include scale): _____

Extra-Curricular
Activities: _____

Awards and Honors: _____

Essay Question (*limit 750 words, typed and double spaced*):

The general aviation industry includes the manufacturing, maintenance, repair and operation of aircraft that are not used for scheduled commercial air service or operated by the military. Why are you interested in a career in general aviation, and how do you plan to pursue it?