

COPA FLIGHT 177 & Jeremy Mason Memorial, 2026 Youth Flying Scholarship Application Criteria

OBJECTIVES

- To provide assistance to a worthy young person towards the cost of attaining a Recreational or Private Pilot License.
- To promote interest in general aviation locally.
- To increase public awareness of COPA Flight 177 and encourage membership.
- To honour the memory of Jeremy Mason and his love of flying.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship is valued at **\$3000** and is provided by COPA Flight 177 & the Jeremy Mason Memorial Fund. The Scholarship is awarded by means of a payment to a local flight training centre, mutually agreed upon by the Scholarship Committee and the successful candidate. Included in the Scholarship is a membership to COPA 177 for each year you are engaged with the scholarship program.

Eligible Expenses Include:

- Ground school tuition.
- Instructor time and aircraft rental.
- Purchase of aviation fuel if the training aircraft is provided by the student.

Payment of Expenses:

The flight training centre will use the funds to pay the student's eligible expenses when the following milestones have been reached.

- Upon successful completion of the ground school course.
- One hour of flight training with an instructor upon completion of the 1st training flight.
- One hour of flight training with an Instructor upon completion of the 5th hour of flight training, and every 5th hour thereafter to the completion of flight training, or until the scholarship funds are exhausted.

Duration of Scholarship:

The scholarship is valid for 3 years from the date the scholarship is awarded. The successful candidate may request an extension of the time by contacting the program chair, but the decision to extend is at the discretion of the committee.

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION

1. Candidates must **NOT** have attained a Private Pilot or Recreational Pilot Licence.
2. To be awarded to a well-rounded individual with a demonstrated keen interest in aviation.
3. Candidates are eligible upon their 14th birthday, up to but not including, their 21st birthday, as of the date the application is due for submission.
4. Candidates must be a resident of Ontario Canada, with preference given to candidates within the area local to COPA Flight 177.

EVALUATION

Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated interest in aviation as a career or a strong interest in general aviation.
- Academic achievement
- Community Service
- How you present yourself at the interview.

After the evaluation of the applications by the members of the COPA Flight 177 & Jeremy Mason Memorial Scholarship committee, selected candidates will be contacted for an interview. These interviews will be held in or near Exeter Ontario the week of **November 9th or 16th, 2026**.

APPLICATION

Application Forms are available from the COPA Flight 177 website at copaexeter.ca or can be requested by emailing copa177scholarship@gmail.com

Fully completed applications must be received by either emailing copa177scholarship@gmail.com or by post mail to the following address only, no later than 5:00 p.m., October 31st, 2026.

“Fly the Dream” Scholarship Committee
c/o Ms. Summer Papple
42849 Centennial Rd, RR 4,
Seaforth ON N0K 1W0

For questions or clarification on the Scholarship criteria, please contact the scholarship committee via the copa177scholarship@gmail.com address.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that applications arrive before the deadline. COPA Flight 177, its members, the Jeremy Mason Memorial Fund and the Scholarship Committee accept no responsibility whatsoever for applications that are delayed or fail to reach the above mentioned address by the stated deadline, no matter what the cause of delay. Unsuccessful candidates are encouraged to apply for future scholarships. Previous recipients of the Scholarship are ineligible to apply again.

AWARD

If the committee agrees that no suitable candidate is forthcoming, the Scholarship will not be awarded in the current year.

The successful candidate will be encouraged to join COPA National, participate in COPA Flight 177 events and meetings, and engage with their local aviation community as a way of enhancing their general aviation experience.

The successful candidate must receive the award, in person, at a mutually agreed upon COPA Flight 177 planned event, to be held in or near Exeter, Ontario.

The Decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.