

Announcing the High School STEM Scholarship for Aspiring Commercial Drone Pilots

Have you ever considered a career as a drone pilot?

These days there are literally hundreds of different jobs you can do as a drone pilot—from working as an aerial cinematographer who uses [high quality camera drones](#), to doing aerial inspections for mining or gas companies, to helping farmers grow crops more efficiently, all the way to [racing FPV drones](#). It really is incredible all of the different ways people are using drones, and the drone industry is only going to grow more in the coming years.

To support students interested in furthering their STEM studies and preparing for their future by becoming a certified drone pilot, [Drone Pilot Ground School](#) is now offering a scholarship to support high school students in preparing for the test required to get their Remote Pilot Certificate, a requirement for working as a drone pilot in the United States.

The scholarship will provide free, unlimited access to Drone Pilot Ground School's online test prep course to help drone pilots pass the FAA's Part 107 exam. In addition, **the first 100 students to be selected for the High School STEM Scholarship for Aspiring Commercial Drone Pilots will have their testing fee paid for** by Drone Pilot Ground School (the test costs about \$150).

[Start your scholarship application right now](#), or read on to learn more.

About the Scholarship

The goal of the scholarship is to support high school students interested in pursuing a career in the drone industry by helping them prepare for [the FAA's Part 107 test](#), the test required to be a commercial drone pilot in the U.S.

An additional goal is to help further the use of drones in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education.

How Many Students Can Apply?

There are an **unlimited** number of scholarships available, but only the first 100 students accepted will also have their Part 107 testing fee covered.

What Is the Deadline?

There is no deadline—applicants will be accepted on a rolling, case-by-case basis.

Who's Eligible?

Eligible students must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Be currently enrolled in high school
- Live in the U.S.

What Does the Application Look Like?

The application has three parts:

1. Applicant Details

Pretty self-explanatory! This is just a short form with student information (name, contact information, school, and so on).

2. School Sponsor Letter

Students must secure a letter of support from an educator in their school that explains why the student is a good candidate for this specific scholarship. This could be a teacher, robotics or engineering club leader, an administrator, etc.

Please use the .edu / school email address of your school sponsor when submitting your application.

3. Questions for Applicant

Students must answer the three questions listed below. Each answer must be 250-500 words.

- Tell us your drone story. How did you first learn about drones? What captivates you about small unmanned aerial systems?
- Tell us about your involvement in drones to date. What models have you flown? What would you like to fly? Are you a member of any school clubs, classes, or organizations that have helped to push your interest forward?
- How do you plan to use your FAA Remote Pilot Certificate? What are your professional aspirations in the drone industry?

If you or someone you know wants to start an application, it's important to note that you cannot save your work as you go. We strongly recommend working in a separate document to create your answers to the questions, and then pasting them into the form when you're ready to apply.

How Will Scholarship Recipients Be Selected?

Applications are reviewed on a rolling, case-by-case basis. After submitting your application you can expect to hear back from us within 1-2 weeks.

Successful applicants will demonstrate serious intent to study for and pass the FAA Part 107 exam by providing thorough, thoughtful answers to the three questions asked, as well as securing a strong letter of recommendation. Answers that only contain a few sentences and appear hastily written / have spelling and grammar errors will likely not result in a successful outcome.

[Get started on your scholarship application now.](#)

Questions? Email us at [support\[at\]dronepilotgroundschool\[dot\]com](mailto:support@dronepilotgroundschool.com).