



A Southern Colorado Chapter
of Ninety-Nines Inc.

Von Alter Pilot Scholarship

Her name was LaVonna, but we called her Von.

Von Alter was born June 6, 1928 and died October 10, 2012. She was an inspiration to so many who knew her, including the Pikes Peak 99s.



Von grew up on the west side of Colorado Springs. Her 30 years as a military wife enabled her to travel the world. She and her husband were part owners of an airplane, which led to her earning her Commercial, Instrument, and Multi-Engine ratings. She also received flight instruction in both a hot air balloon and a sailplane.

When her first marriage ended in the late 1970s, she returned to Colorado Springs and continued to explore her interests and passions. Von was never one to sit around. She participated in the "Powder Puff Derby" and other women's air races. She was a member of the International Ninety-Nines (joined September 5, 1969), Pikes Peak 99s, and Colorado Chapter of Silver Wings. Von was a member and often officer in the Pikes Peak Jazz and Swing Society, AOPA, and Balloon Society of Pikes Peak. In 1997-1998, Von was Co-Chair with Phyllis Wells of our Chapter. She later married Bob Simon who was indeed her "soul mate" and a supporter of the 99s.

Our Chapter was blessed to have her for all the above reasons and more. In April 2013, Bob donated one of her quilts to our Chapter to be raffled off as a fundraiser, which resulted in the initial funds for the Von Alter Scholarship Program. It took us a few years to sort out the details of how to both legally and effectively use the funds. We were honored to give out the first of three Von Alter Pilot Scholarships in 2016 and to continue this time-honored process in honor of Von Alter.

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2024 Scholarship Amount \$1,500

- To be used toward any FAA Pilot or Instructor Flight Training and Practical Test (including check rides) for a new certificate or rating.
- Up to **twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200)** will be reimbursed to the winning scholarship applicant (here forth known as Recipient) by Recipient submitting a copy of the invoice/s from the flight schools/instructors to the Pikes Peak Treasurer at treasurer@PikesPeak99s.org for flight instruction received after the awarding date of the scholarship and within the allotted time period shown below.
 - If the invoice/s for reimbursement along with a copy of the paid receipt/s from the flight school/s or instructor/s expense do not list the details of the flight instruction that was received and only has the monetary amount shown, a copy of the logbook entry showing the instruction must be submitted with each invoice.
 - The submitted invoice amount will be paid to the Recipient within 14 days or ASAP by the Treasurer based on her availability.
 - Reimbursement amounts will be mailed to the Recipient to the address shown on this application. Recipient can update mailing address at any time.
- The Recipient will have one year from the time of receiving notification of being selected for this scholarship to successfully pass her practical test and claim the remaining **three hundred dollars (\$300)**. If the deadline cannot be met, the Recipient may petition the Chapter, in writing, for a one-time extension. The Chapter may grant an extension or withdraw the scholarship in order to offer it to another recipient (via a new selection or renewing the process).

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must:

1. Be a current member and in good standing of the Pikes Peak 99s Chapter.
2. Be one who takes an active role in the Chapter, ex. attends meetings (Zoom meeting attendance is acceptable), participates in events, leads events, holds committee positions, etc.
3. Hold a minimum of Student Pilot Certificate.
4. Be applying for flight instruction in any aircraft type (airplane, glider, hot air balloon, etc.) for a FAA Rating, i.e., Private, IFR, CFI, CFII, Multi-engine, Glider, Lighter-Than-Air, ATP, or powered flight transition (glider to SEL, LTA to SEL, rotor to fixed wing, etc.).

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5. Have a current and valid FAA Medical Certificate appropriate for the pilot certificate being sought.

Complete Application Packet

The deadline for the application packet to be received by the Pikes Peak 99s is November 1, 2024.

Each application must include the following documents combined into a single pdf file:

1. Completed application
2. Copies of the following:
 - o Pilot Certificate (both sides)
 - o Medical Certificate (unless not required by FAA)
 - o Driver's license (both sides)
 - o Logbook entries documenting that Applicant has logged a minimum of five hours in the six months immediately preceding the applicant's submission deadline.
 - The flight time may be PIC, SIC or dual instruction
3. Letter from applicant describing her aviation goals (less than 200 words)
4. Letter of recommendation from Flight Instructor (less than 100 words)
5. Use additional paper if necessary for any response

Applicant's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

- Mailing Address: _____

- Email: _____

- Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

- Date of Birth: _____

- Do you have a current medical? Yes _____ No _____

- Current FAA Certificates and Ratings: _____

- Total Flight Hours: _____ Attach copies of logbook entries that highlight milestones.

- Rating you are pursuing with the scholarship? _____

- Name of Flight School, or qualified instructor, you will use to obtain the rating for which you are applying: _____

- What is something in Von Alter's life that inspired you? _____

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- I understand this scholarship is only to be used to complete the rating and/or pilot certificate stated above.
- I understand if I obtain the stated rating/pilot certificate or quit flight training before using the entire scholarship, the unused funds are to be returned to Pikes Peak 99s.

Applicant Signature

Date

If the applicant is under the age of 18, a legal guardian must also sign.

Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Legal Guardian's Printed Name

Disclaimer

The Pikes Peak 99s Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., the South Central Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., The Ninety-Nines, Inc., their members, agents and representatives are NOT responsible for the quality of any training received with this scholarship, or for any accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while I am performing flight training or activities relating thereto, and I agree to hold harmless said entities.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Legal Guardian's Printed Name

Application Submission Instructions

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- Send fully completed application package by email to: scholarship@pikespeak99s.org
- Deadline for submission is 5:00 PM Mountain Time on November 1, 2024
- No applicant eligibility requirements or deadlines may be waived
- Disqualification will result from not meeting eligibility requirements or following procedures
- INCOMPLETE, LATE, or FRAUDULENT applications will be DISQUALIFIED
- When submitting, please name the pdf as follows: **lastname_vonalteraward2024.pdf**
- Each applicant will receive an email acknowledging that her application has been received

Scholarship Recipient Notification

All applicants will be notified via email and/or phone by November 30, 2024 of the final status of her application.