



2026 GIAD Louise Bornwasser Memorial Flight Scholarship

In honor of one of our chapter's founding members, Louise Bornwasser, we are proud to offer the 2026 GIAD Louise Bornwasser Flight Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.

Louise's passion for aviation and her unwavering commitment to volunteerism helped establish and nurture both our Bluegrass chapter and Girls in Aviation Day. If you've attended one of our events, you likely remember seeing Louise volunteering alongside her husband, Louis, and their daughter, Liz, who also served our chapter as both Vice President and President.

Louise earned her pilot's license in 1981 while learning to fly alongside her husband, Louis. Beyond aviation, she dedicated her career to teaching and found great joy in playing the piano. Her life reflected a spirit of service, generosity, and a commitment to helping others.

The recipient of this scholarship should exemplify the same selfless dedication of time, energy, and service that Louise embodied throughout her life. In addition to the application requirements listed below, applicants are asked to describe how they have volunteered within their community and how those experiences reflect Louise's legacy of service.

The scholarship is open to women 15 years of age or older who would like to pursue their recreational, sport, private pilot, or commercial certificate; instrument or multi-engine rating; or CFI. This scholarship will be awarded at the Bluegrass Chapter Girls in Aviation Day event at Bowman Field on September 26, 2026. **The application deadline is midnight on September 5th.**

Applications may be submitted electronically to:

bluegrasschapter@gmail.com

Scholarship Application Requirements:

1. Cover page or resume with the following information: Name, address, school/work address, home phone/cell phone, email, school information including GPA
2. One, one-page recommendation letter (Not from a family member)
3. 500-1000-word essay addressing the following:
 - Your aviation history and goals
 - Who or what inspired your interest in aviation
 - Educational scholarships, honors and awards
 - Describe your most meaningful achievements
 - Describe your community/school involvement
4. Copies of all aviation and medical certificates (if applicable)