



**Air Safety and Education Foundation
Oregon Pilots' Association**

Raymond Meyer Memorial Flight Scholarship Eligibility Criteria & Background

Background information on Raymond Meyer

Raymond Meyer learned to fly on the GI Bill after serving in the South Pacific for the US Navy during World War II. He became a student pilot in November, 1949 at the Beaverton Airport in Beaverton, Oregon. This is where the Beaverton Chapter of the Oregon Pilots' Association was first organized. He became a private pilot on May 25th, 1950. After the war, Raymond took over the family auto repair business which developed into a Chrysler dealership. Raymond left the business in 1968 and became an automotive instructor at Portland Community College, and became the head of the department and retired 1985.

Although automobiles had been a large part of his life, Raymond's true passion was flying. He and his wife Mary, also a pilot, built a home and turned the property into the Meyer Riverside Airpark. Raymond flew countless trips out of his private airstrip accumulating over 5,000 hours of flight time. He owned 45 different airplanes during his life and introduced hundreds of people to flying, some becoming private pilots and other advancing into airline careers. On May 10, 1997, Raymond and a young passenger, Alex Musatov, were tragically killed on approach to the airpark strip after experiencing engine problems. During his nearly 47 years as a private pilot, Raymond loved flying and enjoyed the excitement of others as they experienced flight. It is in this light that the Ray Meyer Flight Fund Scholarship has been established, enabling others to experience the joy of flight in Raymond's absence.

Mission Statement

The Raymond Meyer Flight Scholarship is perpetual and has been created for two primary reasons. First, to remember Raymond Meyer as an Oregon Aviator with a passion for flying and for sharing that passion with others. Second, to continue to promote aviation, just as Raymond did during his lifetime, by making the opportunity of learning to fly by providing financial assistance.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Resident of Oregon
- Member of Oregon Pilots Association, student pilot membership is free
- Must have successfully soloed in a single or multi engine land airplane
- Passage of FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Test before funds will be released
- Minimum 2.5 GPA if enrolled in High School or College
- GED completion or High School graduation if not currently enrolled
- Submission of Essay explaining why applicant wants to learn to fly or acquire an advanced rating and how the scholarship would assist in the achievement of that goal.
- Submission of completed application and requested information identified on application.
- Finalists may be asked to interview before the Raymond Meyer Flight Scholarship committee.
- Applications can be obtained online at www.oregonpilot.org/asef.html

Funds, awarding and accounting

- Scholarship winner will be announced by the committee on the date stated in the press release for the award year.
- Scholarship money will be deposited with the selected FBO or Flight Instructor to be used in the following manner:
 - The money is to be used for exclusively aircraft rental and/or flight instruction.
 - The FBO or Flight Instructor must provide for a detailed accounting of the expenditures using scholarship funds upon request of the scholarship committee.
 - Any scholarship funds not utilized for their intended purpose within one year of the award date must be returned to the RMMF Scholarship unless an extension has been approved by the RMMF scholarship committee.
 - Any extension must be requested of the committee in writing. The committee decision to grant or deny the extension is final.

Questions about the RMMF Scholarship may be directed to:

RMMF Scholarship Committee
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