



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SAUVEUR AND JULIE ELIZAGOYEN MEMORIAL AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

If you have questions, please contact Michael Magney at PACE Coalition, 775.777.3451

Application due date: Friday, July 17th, 2026, before 5:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND:

The Sauveur and Julie Elizagoyen Memorial Aviation Scholarship was established in 2013 by Norma Elizagoyen (1923 – 2013) in loving memory of her husband and daughter and as a tribute to them and to their love of flying.

Sauveur Elizagoyen (1930 – 2010) immigrated to the United States in 1950, working as a sheepherder in California and Nevada. With hard work and determination, he became a general contractor in 1958 and built many fine homes and businesses in the Elko area, as well as owning other businesses. In 2004, Sauveur decided to retire his hammer and saw and to pursue his passions of flying, hunting, and fishing.

Julie Elizagoyen (1961 – 2011) was born in Elko and lived most of her life here. She spent time in the ranching industry, then studied and became a dental assistant in California and Nevada. She returned to Elko and spent her remaining years helping with the family business.

Julie was always taking on challenges. She received her commercial pilot's license and instrument rating after several years of serious work and study, then helped her father gain his pilot's license.

After the deaths of Sauveur and later Julie, Norma established this scholarship program to help others realize the passion for flying enjoyed by her husband and daughter. Norma passed away January 12th, 2013. However, the legacy of her family and its commitment to and love for each other, as well as Sauveur and Julie's love of flying, will live on with this scholarship, enabling many to enjoy the dream of flying due to the generosity of this family.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA: Applicants must be:

- ✓ A citizen of the U.S.
- ✓ An Elko County resident.
- ✓ A Nevada resident.
- ✓ At least sixteen years old as of July 17, 2026.
- ✓ A high school graduate or a G.E.D. recipient as of July 17, 2026.
- ✓ Able to obtain and provide a Medical Certificate/Student Pilot prior to commencing instruction. **Medical exam is to be paid for by the applicant.**

OTHER RESTRICTIONS:

- ✓ All flight instruction must be provided by El Aero Services, Elko, Nev.
- ✓ Ground school must be provided by El Aero Services, Elko, Nev. Ground school may also be completed through a home study course as approved by the flight instructor.
- ✓ Awardee must complete flight training/ground school and check ride within eighteen (18) months of receiving their scholarship notification. The winner will be notified by telephone at the number provided on the application and by mail at the address listed.
- ✓ If the first selected awardee fails to respond within two weeks of the postmarked notification, the scholarship committee shall have the right to withdraw the scholarship and to select a new scholarship recipient.
- ✓ Awardee must demonstrate progress as follows: Solo flight by six months; pass written exam by 8 months; complete cross-country solo flight by 15 months. Failure to meet progress milestones may result in termination of funding at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.
- ✓ The awardee must notify PACE Coalition of any extenuating circumstances that would prevent the awardee from meeting time and performance requirements. Extensions may be approved on a case-by-case basis.
- ✓ If the awardee is already enrolled in a flight program offered by the vendors listed above, scholarship coverage will commence at the awardee's point of completion of the flight program at the time the scholarship is awarded. Retroactive payments will not be awarded for expenses incurred before the start of the scholarship.
- ✓ Employees of PACE Coalition, El Aero, and Mountain West Aviation and their family members are not eligible to receive this scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- ✓ Applications may be obtained from the PACE office, 429 Court Street, Suite 2, Elko, NV 89801, or online at www.pacecoalition.org.
- ✓ Application must be filled out completely and legibly to be considered. Illegible or incomplete applications will not be considered. (Only applications submitted electronically will be accepted.)
- ✓ Application must include an essay (maximum of 500 words) as a separate digital (electronic) document and must follow the instructions on the application. Essays should be formatted using a standard font and margins.
- ✓ Application must include a copy of a Nevada driver's license or Nevada State ID for proof of Nevada/Elko County residency.
- ✓ Application must include a copy of a birth certificate, passport, or proof of naturalization for proof of U.S. Citizenship.
- ✓ Applicants must submit their application electronically by fax or email. Applications should be submitted to info@pacecoalition.org or faxed to (775) 738-7837. All applications must be received by PACE prior to 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2026. The time of delivery shall be the time listed on the email or fax when received by PACE.
- ✓ Scholarship applicants may be required to appear before the selection committee for a personal interview.

AWARD PROCESS:

- ✓ The recipient of the 2026 Sauveur and Julie Elizagoyen Aviation Scholarship will be chosen by a scholarship selection committee appointed by the Executive Director and Board of Directors of PACE Coalition.
- ✓ The selection committee will award one scholarship per year. The scholarship will provide payment for seventy-five percent (75%) of the subsequent costs incurred **(excluding flight medical exam)** for flight training, including ground school, flight instruction and student pilot kits (books, sectional maps, and DVDs required for the course). Awardees must pay their portion of twenty-five percent (25%) at the time of instruction or the purchase of the student pilot kit. The balance will be remitted from the scholarship to appropriate vendors upon being invoiced. The scholarship award will be capped at a maximum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500). Upon completion of flight training, the balance of any remaining funding will be retained by the Sauveur and Julie Elizagoyen Aviation Scholarship.
- ✓ The scholarship recipient will be notified by telephone and by mail. All others will be notified by mail.



**PACE Coalition Application for the 2026
Sauveur and Julie Elizagoyen Memorial Aviation Scholarship**

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ EMAIL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: _____ YES _____ NO GED: _____ YES _____ NO

U.S. CITIZEN: _____ YES _____ NO NEVADA RESIDENT: _____ YES _____ NO

POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION: Please list any post high school education/training:

AVIATION TRAINING/EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Please list any classes, training or experience pertaining to aviation, flight training or military history: (use additional sheets of paper if necessary)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: Please provide a brief description of any volunteer or community service projects you have been involved with. (Use additional sheets of paper if necessary)

PERSONAL ESSAY:

Attach, as a separate document, a brief essay (500 words maximum) of your personal goals as they relate to aviation and this scholarship and why you want to receive this scholarship. Be sure to include your plans and aspirations for the future.

UNDERSTANDING OF ACCEPTANCE:

If I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I understand that I must meet the criteria as outlined in this application. If my status should change before/during the ground school or flight instruction, I understand that I must notify PACE Coalition of any such change. I further understand that a change in my status may affect my eligibility and future release of scholarship funding.

Signature

Date

Applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm on July 17, 2026.