The Bill Griffin Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by

Ernie Hall Aviation Museum

In 2013, Bill Griffin's lifelong passion for aviation inspired him to create the Ernie Hall Aviation Museum in Warren, Ohio. While Bill's original vision was to honor the history of local aviators, from private pilots to military heroes, he went on to turn the museum into something much more. Through his efforts, he founded the annual Wings-n-Wheels air and car show, which has since become one of Trumbull County's largest tourism events. While deeply appreciating the rich aviation history of the area, Bill also focused on ensuring the future of aviation was equally celebrated and supported.

Bill's inspiration came from Ernest "Ernie" Hall, a pioneering aviator born near Warren, Ohio, in 1890. A friend of the Wright brothers, Hall built his first plane in 1911 and earned a reputation as both a skilled pilot and dedicated flight instructor. From 1922 to 1972, he operated a flight school in his hometown. Over the years, Hall's 1911 monoplane has been displayed at prestigious institutions such as the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

Who Can Apply:
PIA students currently enrolled in their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd semester at the Youngstown Campus are encouraged to apply for this scholarship.

Amount:
$3,000

Number of Scholarships:
2

Selection Process and Criteria:
Students interested in applying should complete the application form and submit a required essay (500-1000 words) addressing the prompt below. The selection committee will consider the following factors: academic performance, class attendance, essay quality, and financial need.

Essay Prompt:
The Bill Griffin Memorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Ernie Hall Museum, aims to encourage and support future careers in aviation. Both Bill Griffin and Ernie Hall shared a deep passion for aviation. In your essay, share your own passion for aviation. What sparked your interest in this field, and how do you believe graduating from PIA will help you achieve your goals in aviation?

Due Date:
February 7, 2025. Please attach your completed application to your essay and submit it to the Campus Director.

Student Name:_____ Student ID #:_____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____

Email Address: _____

What semester are you enrolled in? (circle one): 1 2 3

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Selection Committee

Internal Application Review

1. Cumulative GPA:_____
2. Total missed time:_____
3. Essay Rubric: (1=poor, 4=excellent)
   - **Passion** 1 2 3 4
   - **Length** 1 2 3 4
   - **Grammar** 1 2 3 4
   - **Essay Structure** 1 2 3 4
4. Financial Need:

   How is the student funding their education?

   _____

   Is there a funding gap?

   _____

   Has the student received outside funding? If so, how much and from what sources?

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