



## Application Form

# The Bill Griffin Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by the Ernie Hall Aviation Museum



**Who can apply:** PIA Students currently enrolled in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> semester at the Youngstown Campus are encourage to apply for this scholarship.

**Amount:** \$3,000 – to be applied towards tuition, the bookstore and/or DME testing fees and has no cash value.

**Number of scholarships:** Two

**Selection process and criteria:** Interested students can apply by filling out this application form and submitting a required essay (see essay prompt below). The essay should be 500-1000 words in length. Criteria for the selection committee will include academic performance, class attendance, quality of the essay and financial need.

**Bill Griffin and The Ernie Hall Aviation Museum:** In 2013 Bill Griffin’s passion for aviation lead him to establish the Ernie Hall Aviation Museum in Warren, Ohio. While Bill’s vision was to preserve the local history of accomplished private, commercial and military aviators, he expanded the museum into so much more. Through his work with the museum, Bill organized the Annual Wings-n-Wheels air and car show which has become one of Trumbull County’s largest tourism events. While appreciating the local aviation history, Bill also looked to the future.

Mr. Griffin was inspired by Ernest “Ernie” Hall who was born near Warren, Ohio in 1890. A friend of the Wright brothers, Hall built his first plane in 1911. Hall distinguished himself as a skilled pilot and flight instructor. From 1922 until 1972, he operated a flight school in his hometown. Throughout the years, Hall’s 1911 monoplane has been displayed at both the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC and at the Nation Museum of the U.S Airforce in Dayton, Ohio.

**Essay Prompt:** The Bill Griffin Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Ernie Hall Museum seeks to promote careers in the field of aviation. Both Mr. Griffin and Mr. Hall were passionate about aviation. Please write about your passion for the aviation field. Explain where that passion comes from and how will graduating from PIA help with your future in aviation.

**Due Date:** Please attach this 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): 3 4

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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**Selection Committee**

**Internal Application Review**

1. Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Total missed time: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Essay Rubric: (1=poor, 4=excellent)

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| • <b>Passion</b>         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| • <b>Length</b>          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| • <b>Grammar</b>         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| • <b>Essay Structure</b> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

4. Financial Need:

How is the student funding their education?

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Is there a funding gap?

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

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