



NINETY-NINES ALABAMA CHAPTER



MINNIE WADE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Minnie Wade took flying lessons from her husband, Charles Wade, at the Clanton Alabama airport. In 1940, at the age of 31, she soloed and became a licensed pilot quickly afterward. Charles managed the Clanton Airport until his death in 1978.

Minnie was the mother of four daughters and two sons. She encouraged all of her children to become pilots. Their father gave them flight lessons, and each of Minnie's children soloed on their 16th birthday.

In the flying community, Minnie's family was known as "the flying Wades". Minnie's love of aviation continued through the following generations with over 30 Wade descendants soloing on their 16th birthdays. Minnie's daughter, Minnie Coggins, was the first woman in Alabama to earn a certified instrument flight instructor rating.

Minnie joined the Alabama Chapter of the Ninety-Nine a few months after its establishment in 1955. Minnie was a Life Member of the Ninety-Nines and was a member for over 50 years. She held all the offices in the Alabama Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, as well as the Southeast Section Governor in 1961. She enjoyed the fellowship that the Ninety-Nines provided and participated in activities at the Chapter, Section, and International levels.

Minnie shared her love of flying with everyone. Minnie flew in numerous air races and poker runs throughout her long aviation career. She happily opened her summer beach home for Chapters meetings, creating unforgettable memories for all who attended.

Minnie passed away in February 1991. The Alabama Ninety-Nines established a scholarship in her name and first awarded it in 1994 to Minnie's granddaughter, Carla Gilroy, to help her achieve her dream of completing her instrument rating.

Minnie will live on in the memories of all who knew her. With this scholarship, we hope all of the Alabama Ninety-Nines and the women who are awarded this scholarship will remember Minnie Wade and her contributions to the Ninety-Nines and the flying community.

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The name of the Scholarship shall be the Minnie Wade Memorial Scholarship (MWMS). The Scholarship shall be sponsored by the Alabama Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

The Scholarship will be open to any female residing in Alabama. Application will be by written application, which will include essay questions. Application instructions and forms will be distributed in the fall of each year and the deadline for submission of application to the Alabama Chapter shall be Dec. 15. The opening for applications will be announced in Alabama chapter business meetings, in the Chapter Newsletter and distributed by Alabama Chapter members to airports in their living area and to other airports as convenient to the members.

In addition to the information required on the application form, the applicant must hold a current medical and have a minimum of ten (10) hours of instruction. A listing of instructors as well as a letter of recommendation from the current instructor is required.

Selection of the Scholarship winner shall be by an Independent Panel of Judges, which is appointed by the MWMS Board. The Independent Panel will consist of two non-Ninety-Nines members in the aviation community and one Alabama Chapter member who will be the Panel Chair. Scholarship(s) will be awarded based on the selection of the Independent Panel whose decision is final. Selection will be made from the applications as to the applicant's background, the applicant's desire for the Scholarship, the applicant's future plans for use of the Scholarship, and the applicant's plans for furtherance of aviation or aviation education. Selection priority shall be to (1) Alabama Chapter members, (2) female family members of Alabama Chapter members, (3) females residing in Alabama (other than Alabama Chapter members and family) with a minimum of a student pilot license.

There will be at least one Scholarship awarded each year in an amount to be determined by the Chapter. The Scholarship shall be paid directly to the flight school, instructor, FBO, or scholarship winner. Funds must be used by the Scholarship winner within one year of the date of the award which will be at the Alabama Chapter December Christmas party or the Amelia Earhart luncheon held in January. Substantiation of charges for funds paid must be given to the Alabama Chapter.

An applicant must complete the rating for which the Scholarship was awarded prior to applying for a second Scholarship. Applicant may not apply for a second Scholarship until two (2) years after winning a Scholarship.

The applicant will be required to sign a disclaimer statement which will relieve the Alabama Chapter, the Southeast Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., and The Ninety-Nines, Inc., their members, agents or representatives from responsibility for the quality of any training received with this Scholarship, for any accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of the Scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating thereto.

The application form are due to the MWMS Chair by Dec. 15. Please assure that all information is complete and in the order listed on the application.

Send applications to: Ramona Banks
Minnie Wade Memorial Scholarship Chair
ramona.banks@alabama99s.org
256-509-9329



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Minnie Wade Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Application must be typewritten and complete in every respect.
Any item not completed may result in disqualification.
APPLICATION DUE to MWMS Chair by Dec 15.

Personal Information

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Pilot License Number: _____ Date of Issuance: _____

Type of License: _____

Background Information

Date of Birth: _____ Marital Status: _____

Number of Children: _____ Ages: _____

Place of Education: _____

Last Grade Completed and/or Degree: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Business Phone: _____

Flying Experience

Total Number of Hours: _____ Total Number of Solo Hours: _____

Aircraft Ownership: Y N Ratings: _____

Type of Aircraft: _____ Aircraft N Number: _____

Flying Organization Membership: _____

References

Name: _____ Address: _____

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Explain your desire for this scholarship and your goals:

Detail your plan for use of this scholarship, i.e., ground school, flying time, instruction, etc:

Explain your plan for furtherance of aviation or aviation education:

Provide information concerning any violations or accidents:

Have you ever been refused a medical or lost your medical? Y N If yes, explain:

Have you ever been terminated from a flying job? Y N If so, when, why, and where?

Alabama Chapter of The Ninety-Nine, Inc.

- I am a member of the Alabama Chapter of the Ninety-Nine, Inc.
 a family member of the Alabama Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.
 a female pilot residing in Alabama (other than a member or family member of the Alabama Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.)
 a female student pilot residing in Alabama (other than Alabama Chapter family member.)

Neither the Alabama Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., the Southeast Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., The Ninety-Nines, Inc., nor their members, agents, or representatives are responsible for the quality of any training received with this scholarship, nor for any accident, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating there to and by signing this application, the recipient agrees to hold said entities harmless in favor of said entities upon receipt of the scholarship.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have given is true and correct and that I meet the requirement for this scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____