Memphis Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

2027 Aviation Education Assistance Fund Instructions

The Memphis Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (MCTAI) is offering $1000.00 Aviation Education Assistance Funds for individuals wishing to pursue flying lessons for the purpose of gaining pilot ratings in addition to a Private Pilot rating or pursue training toward the F.A.A. Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic Certificate. The training must be accomplished at a F.A.A. 141 or F.A.A. 147 school or an MCTAI approved training facility.

Interested applicants should fill out the attached MCTAI Aviation Education Assistance Fund application and submit it along with the other required documentation to MCTAI. As a guideline, some of required criteria as well as instructions for the application process are explained below.

1) An applicant can only apply for one Education Assistance Fund per year. This means that a student will only be awarded $1000.00 per year from MCTAI.
2) Once a fund is awarded, it will be issued on a refund basis. Students must successfully complete the training or specified courses prior to funds being disbursed.
3) MCTAI will reimburse only that amount that is not covered by other grants, scholarships, Veterans Administration benefits or tuition refund programs.
4) The training must take place at a F.A.A. 141 or 147 school or facility that is approved by MCTAI.
5) Preference will be given to students that maintain at least part time employment while attending aviation training.
6) Students applying for a pilot training assistance fund must currently have at least the F.A.A. Private Pilot Certificate and at least a Second Class Airman Medical Certificate.
7) Applications must be submitted with all required documentation by April 30, 2027.

Application Procedure (Read Before Completing Application Form)

Information on application form must be typed or neatly printed in black or blue ink.

Part I of the application form must be completed by all applicants.

Part II is only to be completed by applicants pursuing Airframe & Powerplant training. List only the courses to be covered by the MCTAI assistance fund. If you have not yet registered for courses you need only to indicate the name of the program.

Part III is to be completed by applicants pursuing pilot training.

Part IV is to be read and signed by all applicants.

Part V is to be completed by the parent(s), guardian or individual that claims the applicant as a dependent on the IRS Form 1040. Note: if the applicant is not a dependant, then he or she should also complete this part and submit their most recent IRS Form 1040.

Part VI is for use by MCTAI officials. Do not write in this area.

Additional Required Documents:

Each applicant must write and submit a two (2) page essay, containing a brief biographical sketch, educational aspirations, career goals and an explanation of why financial aid is essential. Essays must be typed (10 or 12 font), double-spaced with 1 inch margins on 8.5”x11” paper.

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To validate the financial status of the applicant, a copy of the most recent parent(s), guardian or spouse's IRS Form 1040 (where applicant is listed as a dependent) must be submitted. If the applicant is no longer a dependent on an IRS Form 1040, then a copy of the applicant's most recent IRS Form 1040 must be submitted.

To validate student grades an official copy of the most recent high school or college transcript must be submitted.

Pilot applicants must submit a copy of at least their Private Pilot Certificate and current Second Class Airman Medical Certificate along with the application.

Applications must be submitted along with all required documentation (postmarked) by April 30, 2027 to:

Memphis Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc.
Aviation Education Assistance Fund
P.O. Box 381886
Germantown, TN 38183-1886 ***or*** *Scan and EMAIL legible .pdf copies of all documents to:*
taimem@aol.com

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

All application packets must include the following:

__ Completed Application Form (Part I through Part V)
__ Typed two (2) page essay on 8.5"x11" white paper, double-spaced (10 or 12 font) by applicant
__ Official copy of most recent High School or College Transcript
__ Copy of parent's, guardian's, or if applicable, applicant's most recent IRS Form 1040 through adjusted gross income line. Do not send all other IRS pages. **SSN should be blacked out**.
__ Copy of at least applicant's Private Pilot Certificate (Pilot Applicants Only)
__ Copy of at least applicant's current Second Class Airman Medical Certificate (Pilot Applicants Only)

Approval Process

MCTAI will notify all applicants by mail with regard to scholarship awards. An MCTAI representative needing to verify information so as to complete the application process may contact applicants. Informal interviews with applicants may be conducted prior to the approval of awards.

Aviation Education Assistance Fund Payment

Aviation Education Assistance Funds are paid on a refund basis. Students must pass the indicated course(s) with a grade of "C" or better in order to receive payment. Once the course is completed, the student must submit a letter from the training facility showing the grade received for the covered course (s). MCTAI reserves the right to verify information that has been submitted by the applicant. MCTAI will only refund that amount which is not covered by another scholarship, grant, Veterans Administration benefit or tuition refund program. Where necessary, MCTAI will work with the student and school with regard to payments and progress. **Any falsification of information on the application form or on any required documentation throughout the funding process, will be grounds for the rejection of the application and or withdrawal of funding awards by MCTAI.**