

The Rashanda Nicole Lee Memorial Scholarship Application



The Rashanda Nicole Lee Memorial Scholarship is in honor of one of our sisters who has taken her final flight. Nicole was a scholarship recipient during Sisters of the Skies, Inc., first annual scholarship banquet that was held on February 16, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. The banquet was in honor of the 10th anniversary of the First All-Female African-American Flight Crew. Just a few short weeks following the event, Nicole passed away unexpectedly on March 2, 2019. The scholarship designated for Rashanda Nicole Lee will now be used to support the flight training of another African-American female working to become a professional pilot.

Nicole was truly a beacon of light and for those who knew her, our lives were forever changed.

She was born on April 14, 1982, in Akron, Ohio to proud parents, Ronnie Lee and Judith Lynn Lee before relocating to Norton, Ohio. She was often revered as a soft spoken, loving and courageous person with a smile that warmed everyone's heart. She attended the Akron First Seventh Day Adventist Church and also participated in the youth ministry with the "Reaching Akron's Inner Neighborhoods R.A.I.N. Ministry Orchestra," where she played Violin. Nicole continued her community work as a youth member of Akron's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), leaning to fight for Civil Rights.

The joy and passion for Nicole were Airplanes. Ever since she was a young child, she became fascinated with seeing planes fly as her father would often take her to local airports to watch the planes take off and land. It was no surprise that Nicole would find herself as a college student at Kent State University where she would earn a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Science.

While at Kent State, Nicole enrolled in the Jim Long Aviation program and later transferred to the Kent State University flight program. This is where she earned her private pilot's license. She went on to join the United States [Army](#) and was stationed at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and then Ft. Rucker, Alabama School of aviation where she earned the status of United States Army Warrant Officer.

After an honorable discharge, she began training to earn her additional licenses and ratings in order to fly commercial jets. Nicole received numerous scholarships and community awards along with receiving a job offer with ExpressJet Airlines pending the completion of her commercial instrument rating.

Potential Scholarship Recipients,

Below you will find the official application for The **Rashanda Nicole Lee Memorial Scholarship**. Please follow the directions below to submit your application:

1. All applicants **MUST** have a Private Pilot's Certificate.
2. Application window opens December 1, 2019 and closes on January 3, 2020. The winner will be announced no later than January 8, 2020.
3. All applications must be emailed as **one** file to: Scholarships@sistersoftheskies.org no later than 11:59pm (CST) on January 3, 2020.

The number of scholarship recipients and the awarded scholarship amount will be based on how much money is raised through donations.

The scholarship (s) will be awarded to the recipient (s) during our scholarship banquet that will take place on February 8, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport.

For information and details of the banquet please go to www.sistersoftheskies.org/event or click [HERE](#) to purchase event tickets or [HERE](#) to donate to the scholarship.

On behalf of the Members of Sisters of the Skies, Inc., and the family of Nicole Lee, we look forward to meeting you in February and Good Luck!

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Specific Certificate, Rating, or License Requested: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Previous Flight Training Scholarships-Year(s) Applied for: _____ Year(s) Awarded: _____

Highest academic level/degree and where obtained: _____

Current academic student? (Y/N) _____ Where: _____

Aviation

Total flight hours: _____

Hours flown last 12 months: _____

Current Medical Certificate/Class: _____ Date of Issue: _____

Age: _____

Pilot Certificates and Ratings Held: _____

Where will you be obtaining the training for your new license/rating/certificate? _____

Please provide hourly rates for aircraft/instructor/simulator/etc. _____

Tell us how you have financed your flight training so far _____

Scholarship Essay Questions

****Please provide a 2 page essay that answers the following questions:***

Tell us about yourself, your activities in aviation, and how you got into flying.

Describe your goals in aviation or aerospace, and opportunities ahead.

What makes you a good candidate for this scholarship?

What type of volunteer activities do you participate in and how do you plan on giving back to the aviation community?

How has Nicole's life and dream of becoming a professional pilot influence your journey to the cockpit and how will you help keep her memory alive?

Required Documents

Must provide two letters of recommendation related to aviation skills.

Must provide a professional resume.

Attach legible copy of pilot certificate or license (both sides).

