



**The Redstone Chapter of the Vertical Flight Society
(Previously the American Helicopter Society (AHS) International)
Invites Collegiate Applicants for Science and Engineering Scholarships
for the 2024-2025 School Year**

Scholarship grants are based upon academic merit and other factors and will be awarded to the best-qualified applicants as determined during a selection process scheduled for February 2024. Depending upon endowment income, each scholarship awardee may receive up to \$4,000.

To become eligible for a scholarship award:

1. The applicant's home of record or the college you will attend must be within the Redstone Chapter's geographic region (i.e., all of Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and the panhandle of Florida (limited to Zip Codes 32400 – 32599).
2. For the 2024-2025 school year, an applicant must be enrolled on a full-time basis as a student in an accredited degree program at a 4-year university and must certify their intent to pursue an undergraduate or graduate degree in math, science, computer science, or engineering following receipt of the scholarship.
3. The applicant must submit the entire Application for Scholarship, sections I through VII (attached).
4. Additionally, each applicant must provide the following Supporting Information:
 - a. At least one reference letter (academic endorsement) from a professor or dean at your current university. For incoming freshman only, a letter from a teacher/counselor from your high school is an acceptable substitute for the Professor's/Dean's academic endorsement. (Additional letters are desirable, but no more than three reference letters will be considered.) Intern's letters from deans not associated with current academic endeavors will not be considered.
 - b. Current, cumulative transcript(s) of collegiate grades (including the most recent final course grades issued). Transfer students must also submit transcripts from all previous colleges. Incoming freshmen must submit transcripts from all high schools attended (including the most recent final course grades issued).
 - c. Incoming freshmen are encouraged to submit a copy of your ACT or SAT scores.

d. Prior to award of a scholarship, awardees will be required to submit a “head and shoulders” color photograph suitable for publication on the Chapter’s web site. The photos are not required at the time of application. Digital photo files are preferred.

e. These supporting items need not be attached to the application, but if submitted separately, they must meet the application deadline of January 26th, 2024.

5. Submit this application and supporting information to mail or email address below. Applications and supporting documentation must be postmarked NLT Friday, **January 26, 2024**. Hard copy mail must be received by Monday, February 12, 2024. E-mail submissions are acceptable, but must be sent NLT 11:59 PM, January 26, 2024.

Mr. Patrick M. Gómez
211 Haddington Court
Madison, Alabama 35757-7655

Email: AHSRedstoneScholarships@gmail.com

Administrative Information:

1. The Redstone Chapter’s geographic region includes the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and the western panhandle region of Florida (zip codes 32400-32599).
2. Applications will be evaluated by the Redstone Chapter’s Scholarship Selection Committee. Preference will be granted to applicants pursuing math, science, computer science and engineering degrees in support of a career in aviation engineering disciplines.
3. Successful scholarship applicants will be notified approximately 29 March 2024.
4. In addition to the scholarships, the Redstone Chapter will fund a one-year VFS student membership for scholarship awardees who are not already VFS members.
5. For administrative inquiries contact: Mr. Patrick M. (Pat) Gómez, (256) 430-3888 or Email: AHSRedstoneScholaships@gmail.com
6. Applicants for the Redstone Chapter’s Scholarship Program are also encouraged to consider the scholarship opportunity provided by the VFS Vertical Flight Foundation (see <https://vtol.org/education/vertical-flight-foundation-scholarships>).

Application Deadline:
January 26, 2024

<i>For Office Use Only</i>
Application Tracking Number: _____

2024-2025 Academic Year APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Section I. Eligibility Certification

Applicant's Name: _____

For Statistical Records: Gender: ___ Male ___ Female Mo. /Yr. of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Present Address: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

Present Phone No.: _____ Permanent Phone No.: _____

E-mail: _____

If you are selected, at which address should we notify you?

Present Address

Permanent Address

If you are selected, at which address would you like us to register your membership?

Present Address

Permanent Address

Are you or a member of your immediate family currently an VFS member? Yes No

Name of VFS Member: Self _____

I hereby certify that the information contained in this Application for Scholarship is true and correct. I affirm that I will be a student at a 4-year university during the 2024-2025 school year and that I intend to apply the scholarship toward pursuit of an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree in math, science, computer science or engineering subject areas.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section II. Education Summary

Applicant's Name: _____

1. What level of study will you be pursuing in the Fall of 2024? B.S. M.S. Ph.D.

2. Will you be a full-time student for the entire 2024-2025 school year? _____

If you answered "No," explain: _____

Section IIa. For Returning College Students Only

3. List all colleges/universities you have attended, from most-to-least recent (i.e., the school you currently attend should appear first).

University Name & Location	Enrollment & Graduation Dates	Full or Part Time	Cum GPA	Degree (BS, MS, PhD)	Academic Major

4. What is your current school's (first entry above) grading system? A = _____ points
 Note: If appropriate, attach an explanation about the school's method for GPA calculations.

5. If the scholarship is to be used at a university other than the one you currently attend or if the scholarship is to be used for an advanced degree program at the same university, complete the table below and attach a copy of the letter of acceptance/proof of admission.

University Name & Location	Enrollment & Graduation Dates	Have you been accepted?	Full or Part Time	Degree (BS, MS, PhD)	Academic Major

Section IIb. For Incoming Freshmen Students Only

3. Complete the table below and attach a copy of the letter of acceptance/proof of admission.

University Name & Location	Enrollment Date	Have you been accepted?	Full or Part Time	Degree (BS, MS, PhD)	Academic Major

4. List all high schools you have attended, from most-to-least recent (i.e., the school you currently attend should appear first).

High School Name & Location	Enrollment Dates	Cumulative GPA	Graduation Date

5. What is your current school's (first entry above) grading system? A = _____ points

Note: If appropriate, attach an explanation about the school's method for GPA calculations.

Section III. Financial Aid

Applicant's Name: _____

Please provide the following information from your Financial Aid Office to expedite the payment of your scholarship grant upon award:

1. University: _____

2. Financial Aid Account Identification: _____

3. Address: _____

4. Financial Aid Representative: _____

5. Telephone no: _____

Section IV. Scholarship Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

To Applicant: Deliver this form to at least one university official (i.e., professor or dean) or high school teacher/counselor (for incoming freshmen only) who will provide a reference for you. The individual(s) should have direct, personal knowledge of your character, academic achievements, and potential. Do not include relatives.

Name of Reference: _____

University/School: _____

Position Title: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

To the Referring Official:

The above individual is applying for a scholarship grant (up to \$4,000 depending upon endowment income) from the Redstone Chapter of the Vertical Flight Society (VFS). Thank you in advance for your time assisting us to identify candidates deserving our scholarship grant.

On a separate page (or the back of this page), please provide brief comments (i.e., a paragraph or bullet-style) regarding the applicant's personal qualities which mark him/her as a worthy candidate for a charitable scholarship award and your assessment of his/her potential for success in future academic and applied engineering endeavors. Please include your assessment of the applicant's character with respect to his/her integrity, work ethic, teamwork, intellectual curiosity, and academic potential. Based upon your personal knowledge of the applicant, how strongly do you recommend this student as compared with your other students?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NLT **January 26, 2024** send form via mail to: Mr. Patrick M. Gómez,
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Madison, Alabama 35757-7655

Or via Email to: AHSRedstoneScholarships@gmail.com

Section V. Applicant's Narrative

Applicant's Name: _____

In the space provided below or on a separate page, please provide a legible, 1-page narrative regarding: (1) your academic interests (including your reasons for selecting the university and the specific curriculum for which the scholarship grant will be used); (2) your future career interest in aviation engineering; (3) your previous work/research experience related to aviation, if any.

Section VI. Extracurricular Activities

Applicant's Name: _____

In the space provided below or on a separate page, please provide a legible, 1-page narrative discussing your participation in activities outside the classroom. These may include, but are not limited to, participation in fraternal, religious, or voluntary organizations, professional societies and associations, sports, relevant awards, scholarships, leadership experience, hobbies, science projects, publications, military service, volunteer work, or other extracurricular activities.

Section VII. Scholarship Need (Optional)

Applicant's Name: _____

We understand that college is very expensive and that everyone can use additional funds. This narrative is optional and intended to provide the applicant an opportunity to identify any special circumstances about your financial or personal situation.

In the space provided below, or on a separate page, please provide a legible narrative describing any special circumstances not discussed in the previous narratives. Please limit your response to one page.