



BILL COWDEN MEMORIAL AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Bill Cowden was an experienced pilot and air show performer whose lifelong passion was aviation. A private pilot, North Dakota Air National Guard F-16 pilot, commercial airline pilot and air show performer, Bill accumulated over 7,500 flight hours in more than 85 different models of aircraft. He held a Level 1 Unrestricted Surface Level Aerobatic waiver. Bill was also an Airframe and Power Plant mechanic and aircraft builder.

He loved giving rides to and mentoring aspiring young pilots, and served on numerous aviation boards and committees. Those who knew Bill remember his attention to detail and hunger to attain each subsequent aviation rating. His passion was honing his aviation skills and promoting aviation activities in all their forms.

Bill passed away unexpectedly at the age of 47 in an accident during an air show performance in June 2014. It is in his memory that the Bill Cowden Memorial Aviation Scholarship recognizes a pilot working toward higher aviation ratings.

The submission deadline is **May 1st** of each year. Applicants must hold a current Private Pilot Certificate with plans to pursue advanced training in aviation. Applications will be reviewed in May and notifications will be sent in June. Scholarships are awarded in accordance with the policies and procedures dropping odds movements of the Community Foundation of Dunn County and are paid directly to the qualified flight school or certified flight instructor, unless otherwise approved by the Community Foundation of Dunn County, Inc.

Any income tax liability that could result as the result of a direct tuition reimbursement is the responsibility of the applicant as may be applicable.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must hold a current Private Pilot Certificate and plan to pursue advanced training in aviation.

1. Please complete the following form and attach a typewritten essay giving your reasons for pursuing advanced training in aviation and how you would use the scholarship to attain your aviation goals. Please limit to one page.
2. Submit a current, one-page professional resume with your permanent home address.
3. Submit one letter of recommendation related to your aviation skills and aspirations.
4. Submit application and requirements by **May 1st** to grants@cfdundunncounty.org or mail to:

Community Foundation of Dunn County
500 Main Street, Suite #322
P.O. Box 498
Menomonie, WI 54751



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APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ E-MAIL: _____

BIRTHDATE: ___/___/___ TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS: _____

List all held licenses and ratings:

Please describe the specific flight training/rating which you are pursuing:

FLIGHT INSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Please provide the contact information for the flight school/instructor where you would obtain the desired training.

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ TAX ID: _____

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. I understand that incomplete applications may not be considered. I certify that I have read the instructions and will comply with all requests for documentation. Should I receive a scholarship, I will notify the Community Foundation of Dunn County (CFDC) of any change of plans. The CFDC may use my name and likeness in publicity materials relating to the Foundation.

I understand the CFDC scholarships may only be used toward the published cost of advanced flight instruction from a qualified certified flight instructor.

Applicant Signature

Date