

Scholarship Details: Entry Period: The \$10,000.00 #FlyToSuccess Stratus Financial Scholarship (the "Scholarship") begins at 8:00:00 AM Pacific Time ("PT") on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and ends at 11:59:00 PM Pacific Time ("PT") on Friday, August 28, 2026. The official Scholarship announcement will be made September 9, 2026, at Ascend Flight Training Summit 2026. The \$10,000.00 scholarship will be paid directly to the flight school of the winner's choice in the US or Puerto Rico. The Scholarship is only open to legal residents of the United States and Puerto Rico age 17 or older and who meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of entry:

Eligibility:

- Student must be currently enrolled in a flight school with 25 flight and/or ground school hours provided by the flight school logged.
- Student must be a legal resident of the United States.
- Student must be 17-years-old or older.
- Student must fill out entry form at www.Stratus.Finance/Scholarship including answers to the two essay questions.
- Student must film a short-form video using the hashtags #FlyToSuccess and #StratusFinancial on what flying to success means to them and how it aligns with their journey.

ENTRY: There is (1) way to enter.

Online Entry: Participants may enter by visiting the Scholarships' Landing Page at www.Stratus.Finance/Scholarship completing the online entry form and recording a short-form social media video using the hashtags #StratusFinancial and #FlyToSuccess. Submitting to receive one (1) Scholarship Entry (the "Entry") per entry period. Entries must be received between Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and ends at 11:59:00 PM Pacific Time ("PT") on Friday, August 28, 2026. Entrants are subject to all notices posted online including but not limited to Stratus Financial's Privacy Policy.

Limit: One (1) Entry per person.

ENTRY WINNER: One (1) winner will be selected by Stratus Financial's Executive team whose decisions are final and binding in all matters related to this Scholarship. Winner will be selected based on successful completion of requirements, verified flight training status, compelling essays, and videos. The winner will be announced September 9, 2026, at Ascend Flight Training Summit 2026.

WINNER NOTIFICATION & VERIFICATION: Potential Grand Prize winner will be notified via email and/or phone, and will be required to sign and return, within seven (7)

days of notification, an Affidavit of Eligibility, a Liability Waiver, an IRS W-9 Form and where allowable, a Publicity Release (collectively, "the Releases"). These Releases will require the Grand Prize winner to furnish his/her Social Security Number for the sole purpose of tax reporting, as required by law. The Winner will also be required to submit proof of enrollment and 25 minimum credit hours at a flight school located within the United States or Puerto Rico before prize is awarded. Noncompliance will result in disqualification and an alternate winner may be selected. The prize will be awarded within approximately 45 days after the winner is verified. The Grand Prize winner will also be required to provide his/her social media handles as requested by Sponsor and to submit to a background check to confirm eligibility and help ensure that the use of any such person in advertising or publicity for the Scholarship will not bring Sponsor into public disrepute, contempt, scandal or ridicule or reflect unfavorably on the Scholarship or Sponsor, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify a potential winner based on the findings resulting from such background check or if a potential winner fails to properly authorize and/or provide the required information in connection with such background check. If Releases are returned as undeliverable or if the selected winner cannot accept or receive the prize for any reason, or he/she is not in compliance with these Official Rules, the prize will be forfeited, and an alternate winner may be selected in a separate random drawing.

PRIZE/APPROXIMATE RETAIL VALUE ("ARV")/ODDS: There will be one (1) Grand Prize available to be won which will consist of \$10,000.00, which will be made payable directly to the flight school on behalf of the student.

PRIZE CONDITIONS: Prizes are non-assignable and non-transferable. No substitution is permitted except if prize is unavailable, in which case a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded. No exchange or substitution of prizes, except at the sole discretion of the Sponsor. Any other incidental expenses associated with the receipt and/or use of prize is the winner's sole responsibility. The winner is responsible for all federal, state and local taxes, if applicable. Except where prohibited by law, Entry and acceptance of prize constitute permission to use winner's name, prize won, hometown, likeness, video tape, photographs, and statements for purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity (including online posting) in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world in perpetuity, without additional compensation, notification or permission.

GENERAL RULES: Participating Entrants agree to these Official Rules and the decisions of Administrator and the Sponsor, and release the Sponsor and its affiliated companies, and all other businesses involved in this Scholarship, as well as the employees, officers, directors and agents of each, from all claims and liability relating to their participation in the promotion, and the acceptance and use/misuse of the prize offered. Winner assumes all liability for any injury or damage caused or claimed to be

caused by participation in this Scholarship or use/misuse or redemption of the prize. Sponsor is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the Scholarship or in the announcement of the prize. If for any reason this Scholarship is not capable of running as planned due to an infection by a computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of the Sponsor which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Scholarship, the Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Scholarship, at which time, Sponsor will conduct a random drawing from among all eligible entries received at the time of the Scholarship termination. The Sponsor assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of entries. The Sponsor is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunctions of any telephone network or telephone lines, computer on-line systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail or entry to be received by the Sponsor due to technical problems, human error or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participant's or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participating in this Scholarship or downloading any materials in this Scholarship. Sponsor is not responsible for incompatibility of entrant's hardware, software or browser technology. In the event of a dispute over the identity of an online Entrant, Entry will be deemed submitted by the "Authorized Account Holder" of the e-mail address submitted at time of entry. Authorized Account Holder means the natural person who is assigned to an e-mail address by an Internet access provider, online service provider, or other organization that is responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. Sponsor may ask any Entrant or potential winner to provide Sponsor with proof that such party is the authorized account holder of the wireless phone associated with the Entry. Entry materials/data that have been tampered with or altered, or mass entries or entries generated by a script, macro or use of automated devices are void. The Sponsor is not responsible for: (i) error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operations or transmission, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to or alterations of entry materials, or for technical, network, telephone equipment, electronic, computer, hardware or software malfunctions of any kind, or inaccurate transmission of or failure to receive entry information by Sponsor on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any web site or any combination thereof; or (ii) any injury or damage to entrant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating in the Scholarship. By participating in the Scholarship, you (i) agree to be bound by these official rules, including all eligibility requirements, and (ii) agree to be bound by the decisions of Sponsor and the

Administrator, which are final and binding in all matters relating to the Scholarship. Failure to comply with these official rules may result in disqualification from the Scholarship. Sponsor reserves the right to: (i) permanently disqualify from any Scholarship it sponsors any person it believes has intentionally violated these official rules; and (ii) withdraw the online method of entry if it becomes technically corrupted (including if a computer virus or system malfunction inalterably impairs its ability to conduct the Scholarship), and to select winners from among all eligible entries received prior to withdrawal. ANY ATTEMPT BY AN INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER OR NOT AN ENTRANT, TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE, DESTROY, TAMPER OR VANDALIZE THIS WEB SITE OR INTERFEREWITHTHE OPERATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP, IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES AND DILIGENTLY PURSUE ALL REMEDIES AGAINST ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

DISPUTES: Except where prohibited, Entrant agrees that any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Scholarship or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the appropriate court located in the state of California. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, Entrant's rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of the Sponsor in connection with the Scholarship, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the state of California without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules (whether of the State of California or any other jurisdiction), which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the state of California. The remedy for any claim shall be limited to actual damages, and in no event shall any party be entitled to recover punitive, exemplary, consequential, or incidental damages, including attorney's fees or other such related costs of bringing a claim, or to rescind this agreement or seek injunctive or any other equitable relief. THE PARTIES HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL WITH RESPECT TO ALL CLAIMS AND ISSUES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT WHETHER SOUNDING IN CONTRACT OR TORT AND INCLUDING ANY CLAIM FOR FRAUDULENT INDUCEMENT THEREOF.

PRIVACY: By entering and providing the required entry information, Entrants acknowledge that the Sponsors may also send information, samples or special offers it believes may be of interest to Entrant, or other information or goods offered by its marketing partners. Personal information collected from online Entrants is subject to the Privacy Policies, which can be found at <https://stratus.finance/privacy-policy/>.

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