

# **SOUTHWEST SECTION WOMAN PILOT OF THE YEAR**

## **Requirements Recreational or Professional**

Dear Applicant,

The SWS Woman Pilot of the Year (WPOY) has been revised. The process is as follows:

- 1) The application includes activities and accomplishments during continuous 99s membership.
- 2) The application itself is only one page.
- 3) The applicant either applies herself or may be nominated by others.
- 4) In addition to the application, include an essay (no more than 500 words).
- 5) One letter of recommendation from within the Ninety-Nines, Inc.
- 6) One letter of recommendation from outside the Ninety-Nines, Inc. (employer, etc.)
- 7) Include a recognizable photo of the applicant.
- 8) The deadline for submittal of the WPOY package is August 31 of the applicable year.
- 9) The application must be signed by the applicant's Chapter Chair or a member of the SWS board.
- 10) An applicant, must be, have been, a member in good standing for at least 2 years prior to August 31, of the application year.
- 11) Applicant must have flown at least 50 hours in the previous year

While the above are the minimum requirements, you may also include any other supporting documentation (newspaper articles, magazine articles, etc.)

Every 99 is unique and weaves the threads of aviation into tapestry all her own. Qualifications also include participation in local and regional aviation activities, both in and out of the Ninety-Nines. The award is based not only on hours flown and ratings earned. Be sure to include FAA Wings program achievements, Girl Scout participation, and Air Show activities. Aviation education and public relations count; attendance at local Chapter, Section and International meetings enhance the chance of earning the title (and the beautiful plaque!).

The above applies to both the WPOY, and the Professional WPOY. The Professional category is someone who flies professionally, whether instructing, flying full time, or part time.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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