



Walter A. “Dub” Blessing **Aviation Scholarship**

This scholarship, established by Hillwood Properties at Alliance, Texas, and funded by Hillwood Properties, Alliance Air Productions and Bell Helicopter, is in support of Tarrant County College students pursuing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Professional Helicopter Pilot. It is named for Walter A. “Dub” Blessing, a long-time Hillwood/Perot Family associate, who has worked closely with the family for over 30 years. Mr. Blessing’s rich and varied career, span more than 50 years, and has allowed him to amass over 14,000 certified flight instruction hours. A helicopter pilot and U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Mr. Blessing trained Ross Perot, Jr. to fly a helicopter, then supported him on the ground during the first round-the-world-helicopter flight in 1982. Hillwood names this scholarship in honor of Mr. Blessing.

Criteria for eligibility:

- Must be currently enrolled at Tarrant County College pursuing a Professional Helicopter Pilot Associate of Applied Science Degree.
- Must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours of aviation coursework at TCC and hold a Private Pilot Certificate with an instrument rating prior to receiving the award.
- Must have a minimum TCC GPA of 3.0.
- Must enroll in a minimum of 9 credit hours for period of award.
- This is a merit-based scholarship. Although a determination of financial aid is not required, students are encouraged to file a FAFSA application for other forms of available aid.
- Recipient will receive a spring (second semester) scholarship if a minimum semester GPA of 3.0 is achieved and a minimum of 9 credit hours is completed in the preceding fall semester.
- Recipients of this scholarship may receive this award only one time.

To apply submit the following:

- Online TCC Foundation Scholarship application accessible through tccd.edu/scholarships. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Amount: \$7,500.00 for fall and spring semesters