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**JOE A. COSTA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

*The Joe A. Costa Memorial Scholarship includes 20 hours of paid flight time (including airplane rental and applicable instructor fees), to be used following a student pilots’ first solo-flight. The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis and must be redeemed with Costa Air Service (CAS). This may be utilized with approved flight instructors contracted to provide instruction at CAS. Exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. This may be used in conjunction with other flight training scholarships but must be used within one calendar year of the award.*

**\*\* APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15th (determination made by April 30th) \*\***

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* 16 years old at the time of application deadline
* Resident of the United States of America
* Have a valid/current First, Second or Third Class Medical Certificate
* Able to read, speak, write and understand English
* Must have completed one solo-flight in a single-engine airplane

**Scholarship Origin:** Joe Costa was born in 1909 in Maderia Island, Portugal and quickly became a pioneer in the world of aviation. His passion for flying was evident throughout his teen years and he achieved his goal of becoming a pilot in 1929 at the age of 20, with the assistance of a Syracuse flight school. At this time Costa was one of the first licensed aviators in Corning. He is well known for his attempted transatlantic flight to his familial home in Maderia, Portugal. Because this flight was hindered due to governmental oversight, foreign civil wars, weather and mechanical challenges, Costa made the decision to instead fly to South America. He experienced mechanical complications on this trip and landed in the Dominican Republic where he was placed in jail briefly, until cleared by the Puerto Rican Radio. Costa made temporary repairs himself and continued on to his destination of Para, Brazil.

Joe Costa dedicated his life to aviation. Following his personal pursuits Joe spent his time operating our Painted Post Airport, and taught hundreds of students to fly. Joe Costa will continue to leave a lasting legacy in aviation, as Costa Air Service is proud to dedicate this scholarship in his name.

**Applicant Name: Phone Number:**

**E-Mail: Home Address:**

Do you currently belong to any aviation related clubs/organizations? If so, list them here:

What certifications/endorsements/ratings do you currently hold?

How many hours of flight time have you logged to date? How many were completed in the last 12 months?

Please explain why you feel you are the best candidate to be awarded the Joe Costa Memorial Scholarship:

Please explain how your personal qualities/characteristics align with those of Joe Costa:

Please describe how you plan to contribute to, and impact, the community of aviation:

Please provide any additional information you would like us to take into consideration when reviewing your application:

*\*\* Disclaimer: It will be the responsibility of CAS Administration in conjunction with flight student, to maintain a record of hours used/hours remaining. By accepting this awarded scholarship, you are agreeing to allow CAS Administration to access and review student logbooks as needed for the duration of the scholarship. Any hours not redeemed within one calendar year of award will be forfeited.\*\**