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More WAI2024 Scholarships!

Attain your aviation and aerospace dreams with WAI2024 scholarships. Over 100 scholarships totaling \$1 million will be awarded in 2024 alone, a new annual WAI scholarship program record. Since the program began almost 30 years ago, more than \$16 million in scholarship support has been awarded to WAI members.

One of the benefits of a WAI membership is the WAI scholarship program. Open to WAI members of all ages, there are numerous opportunities in aerospace engineering, dispatcher, flight training, as well as general leadership and professional development. Search for WAI2024 scholarships this month online at www.WAI.org/scholarships.

Check back often as more scholarships and internships will be added. **All applications must be submitted by Thursday, October 12, 2023.**

To apply, you must be a WAI member by October 1, 2023, and active through March 2024. You can verify your membership status or join any time [by logging in to member compass](#) or email waihq@wai.org.



are recognized during the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference at the Orlando World Center Marriott, March 21-23, 2024, in Orlando, Florida.

Questions? Need more information? Email scholarships@wai.org.

[Meet previous WAI scholarship winners](#) and learn how these financial awards have changed their lives!



One of the many benefits of WAI membership is the opportunity to apply for up to three scholarships every year.

Scholarship Spotlights Videos



All Smiles at #OSH23!

WAI members and friends kicked off WomenVenture Wednesday during last week's EAA AirVenture Oshkosh on July 26 during the [annual WAI Connect Breakfast](#), sponsored by Avemco and United Airlines. The breakfast, featured a Q&A with Royal Shoen, a general aviation advocate, aircraft owner, and pilot.

More than 350 guests enjoyed networking and mingling before heading over to the Boeing Plaza for the annual group photo.

[Stephanie Kenyon, WAI Interim CEO](#), recognized VIPs as well as current past, and founding board members. She also reminded members of the October 12, 2023, deadline to apply for over 100 scholarships totaling \$1 million in awards.



[Stephanie Kenyon, WAI Interim CEO](#), welcomes Connect Breakfast attendees.



Following the Connect Breakfast, WAI Members headed to the Boeing Plaza for the annual WomenVenture group photo.



Royal Shoen, WAI 65011, shared her favorite quote, "Discipline is the difference between what you want now and what you want most."



[Download the #OSH23 WomenVenture Group photo here.](#)

An advertisement for ATP Spirit aircraft. It features a yellow and white Spirit aircraft with the ATP logo. The text reads: "Go Direct to the A320 & B737 At 1,500 Hours" and "Request Free Info".

Last Call For Presenters!

Preparations for the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference are already under way! WAI is looking for [dynamic presenters](#) on March 21-23, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, for #WAI2024. Share your knowledge on your area of expertise with our WAI members and conference attendees including aviation and aerospace professionals, students aspiring to a variety of industry careers, and passionate recreational aviators. Your audience will include women and men from all aviation segments including career, flying, history, innovation, maintenance/tech ops, military, and personal development.

If you are interested in being a presenter, please submit your Education Session topic by **today, August 1**. Presentations should be one



Be a part of WAI2024 in Orlando, and [submit your Education Session topic](#) by August 1, 2023.

education sessions, or details on how to submit your proposed topic, visit www.WAI.org/2024-call-for-presenters or email presenters@wai.org.

Nominate a Pioneering Female Aviator for the WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame

The WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame honors inspirational women and organizations that have made significant contributions to the aviation industry as record-setters, trailblazers, or innovators. Nominations are being accepted for the 2024 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame through August 15, 2023. Posthumous nominations are acceptable.

Special consideration will be given to individuals who have helped other women become successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity.

Submit the [official nomination form](#) no later than August 15, 2023. Email Trish Steineke at tsteineke@wai.org with questions, or visit www.WAI.org/2024-pioneer-hall-of-fame to learn more about this annual recognition and induction ceremony at the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference on Saturday, March 23, 2024.



Olive Ann Beech
1994



Julie Clark
2002



Wally Funk
1995



Dawn Seymour
2009



Beryl Markham
2014



Anne Bridge Baddour
2005

Plan Your Event for Girls in Aviation Day 2023

WAI Chapters and Corporate members are encouraged to use [all the available WAI resources](#) to help you organize an amazing learning experience for girls, ages 8-18. [Register your Girls in Aviation Day event here.](#)

The official date for the [9th Annual Girls in Aviation Day](#) is Saturday, September 23,



local community.

Use the [new Girls in Aviation Day Host Kit](#) featuring examples of hands-on activities, permission forms, volunteer guidelines, activity kit orders, and much more. As a reminder, all GIAD merchandise and activity kits can be ordered through the [WAI Chapter Store](#).



To ensure timely delivery, orders for U.S. events on or after September 23 are due today, August 1. Availability of materials and/or arrival by event date is not guaranteed for orders placed after the order deadline. Please note that order deadlines are firm. Orders are subject to approval and must match a registered GIAD with WAI.

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are welcome to participate in our monthly webinar to give you the best resources to help Women in Aviation International chapters grow and succeed. Watch the Chapter Leader Facebook page, the WAI Connect newsletter, and the [WAI Chapter Resources page](#) for registration links monthly.



Please register for this month's Chapter Leadership Connect webinar!
August 18, 2023 - (11 a.m. - 12 p.m. MDT)

Topic: RESPECT: A Chapter Mindful of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

[Register here.](#)

Note: You must be a current WAI member to attend.

Thinking about starting a WAI Chapter? Have questions about WAI Chapters? [Email Jessi Rowden](#), WAI chapter relations manager!

Learn how to create an environment where everyone can contribute to their full potential in this month's Chapter Leadership Connect on August 18, 2023, at 11 a.m. MDT. Register to attend [here](#).

Engage and Inspire with the All-New WAI Mentor Connect

The new [WAI Mentor Connect](#) launched in June is allowing hundreds of members at every level of their aviation journey to connect, engage, and inspire.

More than 200 members have formed over 110 partnerships where WAI mentors and mentees work together to set goals, establish milestones, set up meetings, and keep track of their progress. A full library of materials to help the team be effective and to keep track of progress is available throughout the mentor/mentee partnerships.

[Sign up today](#) to Be a Mentor, Get a Mentor, or both!



The [WAI Mentor Connect platform](#) has new capabilities, functions, and tools and is exclusively for WAI Members.

Mentor Connect Videos



You have the power to spark
the passion for aviation.

Please donate to WAI today.



Upcoming Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events. Events marked with * are WAI events that we sponsor, exhibit, or partner.

Interested in volunteering to help at events where WAI is participating? [Email Rorie Ainbinder, Chapter Relations Specialist](#), to sign up.

2023

***August 9-11** - Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP), 47th Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, www.OBAP.org

***September 14-16** - Latino Pilots Association (LPA), 1st Annual Latin Aerospace Industry Expo, Kissimmee, Florida, www.LatinoPilot.org

***September 23** - 9th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day. [Find an event near you.](#)

October 17-19 - 2023 NBAA-BACE, Las Vegas, Nevada, www.NBAA.org

Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun!

We invite you to take advantage of exclusive discount programs, including many diverse benefits, available to our valued members.

Exclusive Discount Programs for Members

- **Avemco:** 5% discount on insurance
 - **Aviation Medicine Advisory Service:** 5% discount on standard case fees
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 - **General Aviation News** subscription: free sample issues and 50% off subscription
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2XLL
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XL, 2XL
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www.WAI-store.org



*"Authenticity is the daily practice of letting go of who we think we're supposed to be and embracing who we are."
- Brene Brown*

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