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## August 2024 It's Scholarship Time!

Today, the [WAI2025 scholarship application portal goes live](#). A variety of scholarships are offered—all providing support for training and education in many aviation interests.

WAI members can review scholarship descriptions and apply for up to three scholarships. **Your membership must be active by October 1, 2024, to be eligible to apply. Applications are due October 11, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

Winners will be celebrated during the 36th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Denver, Colorado, March 27-29, 2025.



*WAI scholarships change lives. Review the WAI2025 scholarship descriptions online and in Aviation for Women July/August 2024 issue.*

For more information, contact Cambria Bilinski, professional development education coordinator, [cbilinski@wai.org](mailto:cbilinski@wai.org).



Each WAI member can apply for up to three scholarships for the 2025 awards.

## WAI Marks 30 Years of Oshkosh Participation This Year!

Honoring a longtime EAA AirVenture Oshkosh tradition, WAI was fully represented at last month's #OSH24 with two booth locations and enjoyed visits with members all during the week.

WAI CEO Lynda Coffman led an engaging panel discussion with four industry leaders – **Theresa Claiborne, Rick Leach, Royal Shoen, Kriya Shortt** – to discuss *Transforming the Face of Aviation Through Access, Opportunities, and Advocacy*.

The 28th Annual WAI Connect Breakfast, sponsored by Avemco and United Airlines, on Wednesday, July 24, gathered nearly 400 attendees to kick-off WomenVenture day. **Alaina Lewis** of Culver Props had an inspiring conversation with Lynda about her career designing and manufacturing propellers for her family business.

For the 17th year, EAA organized the group WomenVenture photo on the Boeing Plaza. [Click here to download the 2024 photo.](#)



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*During the WAI Connect Breakfast, CEO Lynda Coffman had a conversation with Alaina Lewis of Culver Props, who designs and manufactures wooden propellers for her family business.*



*WAI hosted two booth locations at #OSH24.*

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## WAI2025 Conference-Call for Presenters

### Call for Presenters Closes Tomorrow, Friday, August 2

WAI is now accepting abstracts for education sessions at the 36th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 27-29, 2025, at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. **The deadline to submit is Friday, August 2, 2024.**

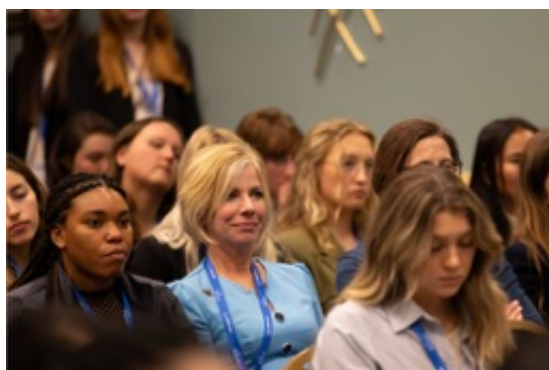
Presenters at the WAI conference develop and deliver presentations that are relevant, innovative, and thought provoking.

Learning tracks at WAI2025 will include:

- Career Development
- Emerging Technologies
- Leadership Skills
- Maintenance/Tech Ops
- Military
- Health & Wellness



Share your knowledge and expertise with WAI2025 conference attendees during education sessions for a variety of interests.



WAI2025 education sessions will offer various learning levels for six different tracks.

## Submit Your Education Session Abstract

**ATP**  
**Airline Career Pilot Program**  
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## Countdown to Girls in Aviation Day 2024 Events!

Be a part of WAI's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual International Girls in Aviation Day on September 21, 2024,

and help spark that interest in aviation for girls around the world.

WAI chapters and corporate members are encouraged to use the many WAI resources to help you organize an amazing STEM learning experience for girls ages 8-18.

We have simplified the process to host an impactful Girls in Aviation Day. **Each event will receive the first 50 GIAD kits FREE. Additional kits are available for \$10 each while supplies last.**

Individual families can purchase up to two kits per household at the [WAI Store](#).

[Visit the GIAD Host Resources website page](#)

[Event registration](#)

[2024 GIAD Host Kit](#)

**August 5, 2024 - United States Orders Due for Activity Kits for events held on or after September 21, 2024.**

Currently there are 135 reported 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Girls in Aviation Day events with nearly 22,000 anticipated attendees. Help us make this anniversary the best GIAD of all time!

If you have not hosted a GIAD and would like to get involved email [GIAD@wai.org](mailto:GIAD@wai.org) for information. WAI staff is here to support you to inspire the future of aviation together.



GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY 2024  
ACTIVITY KIT



Join WAI chapters and corporate members to celebrate the 10th Annual Girls in Aviation Day on September 21, 2024, around the world. [Order your GIAD Activity Kits here.](#)

**Register your GIAD2024 Event**

## Become a GIAD2024 Sponsor

### Become a WAI Lifetime Member

A WAI Lifetime membership signifies a lasting commitment to support the WAI mission, initiatives, and membership. WAI is thankful for the support of nearly 150 Lifetime members.

This month we honor Royal Shoen, WAI 65011, who first joined WAI in July of 2015. Nearly 9 years later, Royal has participated at WAI events during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 and 2024!



Meet WAI's newest Lifetime member, Royal Shoen, U-Haul Aviation vice president.

## Become a WAI Lifetime Member

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<p><b>Be a visionary.</b></p>	<p>Donations to WAI are vital to increasing the number of women who work in every aspect of aviation and aerospace.</p> <p>Your gift will be used to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>build</b> a diverse and inclusive industry</li> <li>• <b>invest</b> in our current and future workforce</li> <li>• <b>inspire</b> girls to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Donate today.</b></p>
	 <p><a href="http://www.WAI.org/donate">www.WAI.org/donate</a></p>	

## Member Benefits

[WAI members](#) seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! When you join WAI, you'll have access to exclusive discount programs and benefits, including many diverse benefits, available only 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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- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
  - **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
  - **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products
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## Upcoming Events

The calendar of events is a source of information about industry/organization events.

If you are Interested in volunteering at the WAI booth at upcoming events, please follow the links below.

### 2024

**August 21-23** - Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) 48th Annual Conference, Memphis, Tennessee. [www.OBAP.org](http://www.OBAP.org) [Register to volunteer at OBAP here.](#)

**September 12-13** - Latino Pilot Expo, Orlando, Florida. [www.latinopilot.org](http://www.latinopilot.org)

**September 21** - 10th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day [www.WAI.org/giad](http://www.WAI.org/giad)

**October 22-24** - NBAA/BACE, Las Vegas, Nevada. [www.NBAA.org](http://www.NBAA.org)

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*"Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."*

*Maya Angelou*

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