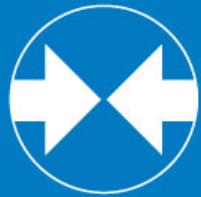


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Reminder! Harvard Emerging Leader Program Applications Due January 15, 2026

In 2026, WAI will expand its Women in Leadership Scholarships conducted by Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education to three sessions, including one on campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and two online in the spring and fall. WAI members with seven years of career experience may apply for one of the following 2026 Harvard Programs:

- May 12-15, 2026 - On campus at Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts
- June 2-4, 2026 – Spring Online Program
- November 4-6, 2026 – Fall Online Program

Submit your application at WAI.org/harvard-scholarships by January 15, 2026, at 11:59 ET.



Harvard Division of
Continuing Education



WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: A PROGRAM FOR EMERGING LEADERS

2026 APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY **JANUARY 15**



Apply at: WAI.org/harvard-scholarships

2026 Harvard Scholarships

Hear from previous Harvard Scholarship Recipients



Happy New Year from Women in Aviation International! 😊✈️🚀 Let's make 2026 our most inspiring year yet. Keep pursuing your aviation and aerospace dreams, and keep breaking barriers!



Attend the WAI Conference This Year for YOU!

We'd love to see you in Dallas for [WAI2026](#) on March 19-21, 2026, at the Gaylord Texas Resort & Convention Center. You won't want to miss out on this three-day gathering that brings together aviation and aerospace professionals from around the world for inspiration, education, career opportunities, and unmatched networking. You'll experience a variety of keynote speakers, education sessions, professional development seminars, a vibrant exhibit hall, our scholarship celebration, Aviation Networking Night, and much more.



WAI2026

**Gaylord Texan Resort
& Convention Center
Grapevine, Texas**

**37th Annual
Women in Aviation International
Conference**

March 19–21, 2026

Register here for WAI2026

Schedule at a Glance

Exhibit Hall Info

Become a Sponsor

Submit Nominations for New WAI Mentor of the Year Award by January 15, 2026

The new WAI Mentor of the Year Award honors an outstanding mentor in the WAI Mentor Connect program who exemplifies leadership, compassion, and commitment to empowering others. This award recognizes mentors whose guidance and support embody WAI's mission to connect, engage, and inspire. Nominations may be submitted by mentees actively involved in the WAI Mentor Connect program.

The [WAI Mentor Connect program](#) helps Mentor/Mentee pairs set goals, establish milestones, set up meetings, and keep track of their progress. WAI has a full library of materials to help the team be more effective and to help them stay on track throughout their Mentor/Mentee partnership.



2026 Mentor of the Year Nomination Form

Award Details



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1

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Conference

Current WAI Student or Junior Members can request financial assistance for conference registration by completing [this form by January 16 at 11:59 CT](#). Your request will be reviewed and selected students will be notified after January 26.

Members who would like to donate to cover a student's registration [must also submit by January 16 here](#). Thank you for your generous support!



[Pay for a student to experience WAI2026!](#)

Reach the WAI Community in 2026 Through Advertising

Now is the perfect time to secure your 2026 WAI advertising program. By planning early, your company can lock in prime print and digital placements, boost your brand visibility, and set your campaigns up for maximum impact to WAI's 20,000 members around the world.

Review the [2026 WAI Media Kit](#) for print and digital advertising options in *Aviation for Women* and *Aviation for Girls* magazines, plus monthly Connect eNewsletters and the WAI website.

[Email Kelly Murphy](#), director of communications, with questions or for more information.



[Review the 2026 WAI Media Kit](#) for your advertising program this year

January 22, 2026

6:30 p.m. EST

"Air Traffic Control"

A WOMEN IN AVIATION INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Natelia Varela
FAA Air Traffic Controller
at Potomac TRACON



Junior and Student members are invited to learn about a career in air traffic control during this month's Aviation for Girls Engage E-Learning on January 22 at 6:30 p.m. EST. Meet Natelia Varela, an FAA air traffic controller at Potomac TRACON.

Welcome New WAI Chapters!



Mediterranean Chapter

Athens, Greece

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Legacy of Flight Chapter (Provisional)

Greensboro, North Carolina

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Have You Followed the WAI On Air

Podcast Episodes?

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Welcome, Newly Selected WAI Together Moderators!

We're excited to announce that WAI Together has officially selected a team of dedicated moderators to help support and guide our growing community.

Please join us in welcoming our new moderator team:

- Georgette Braden
- Ali Faddis
- Natalie Fox
- Han Young Kim
- Karlyn Leth
- Percy Nakazibwe
- Unah Gertrude Odhiambo
- Tracey Rama Osman

Our new moderators will play an important role in keeping our space safe, positive, and welcoming for everyone. They'll assist with discussions, answer questions, uphold community guidelines, and help ensure that every member feels valued and heard.



Connect Year-Round With WAI TOGETHER

- Our new member discussion app allows members to interact one-on-one, exchange valuable knowledge, and foster meaningful relationships within the WAI community.
- Only available to WAI Members!
- Scan the QR code and log in.



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[Join here](#)

[Watch WAI Together video](#)

Upcoming Events

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

2026

February 5-6 - NGPA Winter Warm-Up, Palm Springs, California www.NPGA.org

March 19-21 - The 37th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center, Dallas, Texas (Grapevine) www.WAI.org/2026-conference

March 24-26 - NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference, Huntington Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio www.NBAA.org

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Ladies Sizes: S-3XL

Ladies Purple 100% Cotton Tee – \$25.00
Relaxed Fit
Imprinted front and left sleeve
Ladies Sizes: S-3XL

Ladies White 100% Cotton V-Neck Tee – \$25.00
Relaxed Fit
Imprinted front and left sleeve
Ladies Sizes: S-3XL

Ladies Dark Gray 100% Cotton V-Neck Tee – \$25.00
Relaxed Fit
Imprinted front and left sleeve
Ladies Sizes: S-2XL

Ladies Dark Gray Heather 100% Cotton Long-Sleeve Tee – \$35.00
Relaxed Fit
Imprinted front, left sleeve, upper back
Ladies Sizes: S-2XL

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Be kind to yourself. Be your own supporter."*
-Maria Shriver

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