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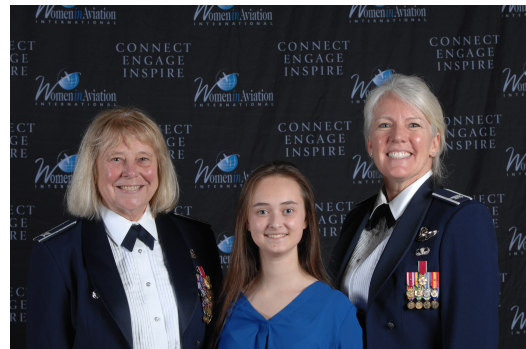
WAI2024 Scholarships Go Live This Month!

WAI remains committed to creating an industry that is equitable and inclusive.

WAI's scholarship opportunities are open to all WAI members. There are numerous opportunities in aerospace engineering, dispatcher, flight training, as well as general leadership and professional development. Search for WAI2024 scholarships beginning late July online at www.WAI.org/scholarships.

To date there are nearly 90 scholarships valued at more than \$840,000. 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.

The WAI2024 scholarships recipients 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



Join Us for Breakfast at #OSH23!

WAI members and friends attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this summer, July 24-30, can take advantage of all the WomenVenture events during the week. Wednesday, July 26, will kick off with the [WAI Connect Breakfast](#) at 8 a.m., sponsored by Avemco and United Airlines. The breakfast, featuring Royal Shoen, will be held at the Paul H. Poberezny Center (PHP Tent) located just outside the admission gate.

Advance tickets can be purchased online for \$18 until July 21, and \$20 at the WAI booth, Hangar B-2041. [Click here to purchase your ticket to the WAI Connect Breakfast!](#)



During the [WAI Connect Breakfast](#), have fun meeting other WAI members and friends while enjoying a delicious breakfast. It's the perfect way to kick off WomenVenture at #OSH23 on Wednesday, July 26.

**Congrats to the Air Race Classic
Fastest WAI Team!**

Peyton Turner and Laura Wilson of team #52 "Flying Flashes" from Kent State University flying a Cessna 172SP were the recipients of the 2023 Fastest WAI Team during this year's Air Race Classic. In addition to each receiving the custom-designed WAI trophy, the team won \$500.

The returning 2022 ARC champions, also captured three additional wins—1st Place Overall; 1st Place Collegiate; Fastest Cessna. Well done Peyton and Laura, and kudos to all the winning teams and racers!

Homestead, Florida, was the location for this year's terminus and closing banquet celebration last weekend. Learn more about this annual competition and see the route at www.AirRaceClassic.org.



(L to R) Peyton Turner and Laura Wilson won four different awards during this year's Air Race Classic including the Fastest WAI Team trophy.

A promotional banner for ATP (Airline Training Program) for Spirit Airlines. The background shows a Spirit Airlines aircraft. The text reads: "ATP Go Direct to the A320 & B737 At 1,500 Hours Request Free Info". The ATP logo is in a red box on the left, and the "Request Free Info" button is in a red box on the right.

Call For Presenters!

WAI is looking for dynamic presenters for our 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 21 - 23, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. We invite you to attend #WAI2024 and share your knowledge and expertise with our participants 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.

Presentations should be one hour, including



time for questions and answers. For information on our past education sessions, or details on how to submit your proposed topic, visit www.WAI.org/2024-call-for-presenters or email presenters@wai.org.



Be a part of WAI2024 in Orlando, and submit your Education Session topic by August 1, 2023.

Do You Know a Pioneering Female Aviator?

Nominations are being accepted for the 2024 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame. Female candidates or organizations that have made significant contributions to the aviation industry as record-setters, trailblazers, or innovators are eligible. 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.

Please 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

[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, 2023. Some events will take place before or after depending on the schedules of your 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 international and events prior to September 23 are due by July 21. Orders for U.S. events on or after September 23 are due August 1.

Chapter News

Officers and leaders from all WAI chapters 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!
July 14, 2023 - (1 p.m. EDT)
Topic: We Just Disagree: Conflict Management and Resolution Techniques

Learn how to use conflict management and resolution techniques in this month's

Chaper Leadership Connect on July 14, 2023, at 1 p.m. EST. Register to attend [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!

Engage and Inspire with the All-New WAI Mentor Connect

The new [WAI Mentor Connect](#) launched last month 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



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.

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*July 26 - WAI Connect Breakfast at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 24-30, www.EAA.org

August 9-11 - Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP), 47th Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, www.OBAP.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
 - **Enterprise and National Rental-A-Car:** special discount rates with promotion code
 - **General Aviation News subscription:** free sample issues and 50% off subscription
 - **King Schools:** free package of 5 King courses focused on Risk Management and 20% discount on all King Schools courses
 - **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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"No matter what, expect the unexpected. And whenever possible BE the unexpected."
- Lynda Barry

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