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# WAI Connect

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## October 2023 Scholarship Deadline is Approaching

Calling all active WAI members in search of scholarships! You can find our complete list online at [www.WAI.org/scholarships](http://www.WAI.org/scholarships).

**As a reminder, 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](mailto:waihq@wai.org).

The WAI2024 scholarships recipients are recognized during the 35<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:scholarships@wai.org).



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

Scholarship Spotlights Videos



### Record-breaking #GIAD2023

Girls in Aviation Day 2023 hosted record numbers of attendees across the globe, and there are still more events planned for the next few weeks! Dedicated supporters, chapters, corporate members, and volunteers all contributed to the enormous success of GIAD 2023. Our attendees have nearly doubled from GIAD 2022, and record-breaking numbers of youth in over 30 countries were empowered to become the next generation of female aviation and aerospace industry leaders.



While many of the events were hosted on September 23, 2023, there are several events continuing the fun all the way into November. Explore the interactive map on the [Aviation for Girls app](#) to see how Girls in Aviation Day has soared across the world.



### REMINDERS TO GIAD 2023 HOSTS

Send in your demographics and photos for your GIAD 2023 event by October 9. Complete the sheet [HERE](#) and email to [giad@wai.org](mailto:giad@wai.org).

*Follow our social media to see more #GIAD2023 posts, and watch for our full wrap-up report in the January/February 2024 issue of Aviation for Women!*

Event hosts are invited to submit your amazing photos by October 9 by dragging a folder to [our GIAD 2023 Dropbox](#).

Many thanks to our 2023 Girls in Aviation Day partners and donors, without whom this education program would not be possible. Our supporters include the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, JetBlue Foundation, PPG Foundation, SkyWest Airlines, Sporty's Pilot Shop, Baylor Institute for Air Science, ConocoPhillips, Emanuel Bachmann Foundation.



## WAI2024 Exhibit Reg Now Open

Exhibitors can now [book booth space online](#) for next year's 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida.

You can also book your hotel rooms at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Group rates start at \$242 and are available through January 26, 2024, or until sold out. On-site parking is available for \$22 per day/entry. Valet parking is available for \$35 per day/entry.

[Book your room](#)

A limited number of government rate rooms are available at the prevailing federal rate.

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Join thousands of WAI members and friends at the 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 21-23, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

## WAI Opens Professional Development Course at Harvard University For Emerging Leaders

Rising women leaders in the aviation and aerospace industry are encouraged to apply to attend *Women in Leadership: A Program for Emerging Leaders*, a two-day, on-campus professional development program hosted by WAI at Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The intensive, three-day program will be held May 7-9, 2024, with a follow-up virtual leadership coaching session to be held in June 2024. This program is ideal for high-performing women who are WAI members currently working in management positions with an interest in advancing their careers in leadership roles in the aviation and aerospace industry.



Note, that this program is not designed for entry-level nor executive-level women. This course is designed to give WAI members the skills needed to rise to the C-Suite. No more than 30 female members will be chosen to receive funding support that will include program fees, hotel, meals, and a stipend for airfare. ***Applications will open on October 23, 2023, at [www.WAI.org/scholarships](http://www.WAI.org/scholarships) and must be submitted by December 1, 2023. Those selected to attend will be notified by December 31, 2023.***

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## 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!**

**October 13, 2023 - (1 p.m. - 2 p.m. EST)**

**Topic: Hey... Where'd you go?: Recruiting and Maintaining Volunteers**

[Register here.](#)

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

Thinking about starting a WAI Chapter? Have



*We will focus on volunteer recruitment tactics that help drive retention—from writing a clear volunteer description to sending a thank you email in this month's Chapter Leadership Connect on October 13, 2023, at 1 p.m. EST. Register to attend [here](#).*

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An advertisement for ASA Standard Logbooks. On the left, two logbooks are shown: a black one and a red one, both with 'PILOT LOG' printed on them. In the center, the ASA logo (a winged figure with 'asa' in a circle) is above the text 'ASA Standard® Logbooks'. Below that, it says 'Record life's most exciting hours.' and a white button with 'Shop Now' in black text. On the right, a pink logbook is shown with 'PILOT LOG' on it.

ASA Standard® Logbooks  
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## The All-New WAI Mentor Connect is Ready for You

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, and still need YOU.

More than 400 members have formed over 225 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

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A banner advertisement for Women in Aviation International. On the left, a woman with blonde hair is shown working on an aircraft engine. The background is dark blue. Text on the right reads 'You have the power to spark the passion for aviation.' Below that is a white button with 'Please donate to WAI today.' in blue text. The Women in Aviation International logo is in the bottom right corner.

You have the power to spark the passion for aviation.  
Please donate to WAI today.  
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## Upcoming Events

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

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

2024

February 15-18 - NGPA Winter Warm-Up, Palm Springs, California, [www.NGPA.org](http://www.NGPA.org)

February 26-29 - HAI HELI-EXPO, Anaheim, California, [www.HELIXPO.com](http://www.HELIXPO.com)

March 12-14 - NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers, Ft. Worth, Texas, [www.NBAA.org](http://www.NBAA.org)

March 21-23 - 35th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, Orlando, Florida,  
[www.WAI.org/2024-conference](http://www.WAI.org/2024-conference)

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## Member Benefits

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

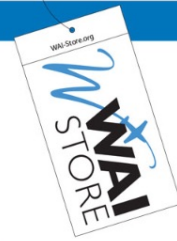
We invite you to take advantage of exclusive discount programs, including many diverse benefits, available to our valued members.

### 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
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  - **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products
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Unisex "WAI Collegiate"  
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Sweatshirt  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL  
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Chick" Charcoal  
Fleece Crew  
Sweatshirt  
Sizes: S, M, L, XL,  
2XLL  
\$40



Unisex Heather  
Black Full Zip  
Hood Sweat  
Sizes: XS, S, M, L,  
XL, 2XL  
\$45



[www.WAI-store.org](http://www.WAI-store.org)

*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."*

*- Mother Teresa*

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