



SCHOLARSHIPS CHANGE LIVES

WAI2026 Scholarships are Open at
www.WAI.org/scholarships

Ignite your personal learning experience by applying for WAI2026 scholarships this year. There are many opportunities if you are interested in aerospace engineering, dispatch, flight training, as well as general leadership and professional development scholarships. Chart your aviation/aerospace course today!

So far for 2026, WAI generous funders have created more than 75 scholarships valued at over \$550,000. Detailed descriptions of each scholarship are available at WAI.org/scholarships. Check back often as more scholarships are continually added online. All applications must be submitted in the portal by Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

To apply, you must be a member of Women in Aviation International by October 1, 2025, and active through March 31, 2026. You can verify your membership status or join at any time by logging in to the member compass section of www.WAI.org or by emailing waihq@wai.org.

The WAI2026 scholarships will be awarded during the 37th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Dallas, Texas, at the Gaylord Texan (Grapevine) on Friday, March 20, 2026.

APPLICATION REMINDERS

- Be a WAI member by October 1, 2025, and active through March 31, 2026.
- Apply for up to three scholarships.
- Most scholarships are awarded at the 37th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Dallas, Texas, March 19–21, 2026.
- Applications are submitted online by the October 15, 2025, deadline.
- Recipients of the WAI2026 scholarships will be notified by December 15, 2025.

The requirements listed below are the minimum for all scholarships unless otherwise indicated. Some scholarships may require additional information. Please read the description thoroughly to make sure you meet all requirements.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- two (one-page) recommendation letters
- typed, descriptive 500-word essay
- professional resume
- copies of all aviation and medical certificates and the last three pages of your pilot logbook (if applying for advanced flight training scholarships)
- other applicable information as requested for each specific award/grant scholarship. Read listings carefully

2026 Scholarship Quick Guide

FOR ADVANCED RATING SCHOLARSHIPS

AeroStar ATP CTP Certification Training Scholarship	2
Dare to Dream Scholarship	2
Diane Ballweg Scholarship	2
ISA+21 Financial Scholarship 2026	2
Keep Flying International Scholarship	2
Kylie Murray Memorial Women in Aviation International Scholarship	2
Juliana Turchetti Memorial Scholarship.....	2
The Stephanie Goetz and Endre Holen Multi-Engine Commercial Scholarship	2
WASP Elaine D. Harmon Tailwheel Scholarship	3
The White Family Legacy Scholarship	3

FOR AEROSPACE/AVIATION ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

American Airlines Engineering Scholarship	3
The NKL Aerospace Engineering Scholarship	3
PSA Airlines Engineering Scholarship	3

FOR AVIATION MAINTENANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines and Horizon Air Maintenance Scholarship	3
Amazon Maintenance Technician Scholarship	3
American Airlines Aircraft Maintenance Technician Scholarship	3
Boeing Maintenance Training Scholarship	4
PSA Maintenance Scholarship	4
Vertical Aviation / WAI Maintenance Technician Certificate Scholarships.....	4

FOR GENERAL CAREER ADVANCEMENTS

The Al Worden "Endeavour" Scholarship	4
Elisha Hall Memorial Scholarship	4
Janet Clark Memorial Scholarship	4
Mary Ann Eiff Memorial Outreach Award	4
MzeroA Gold Lifetime Membership Scholarship.....	4
Ruth "Kathy" Ditchfield Legacy Scholarship	4
Take FLIGHT Trailblazer Scholarship	5
Yukiko Howell Memorial Scholarship	5

FOR CAREER PILOTS

Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, and Horizon Air Pilot Scholarship	5
Amazon Professional Flight Training Scholarship	5
American Airlines Flight Educational Scholarship	5
Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship	5
FedEx Flight Training Scholarship	5
Frontier Airlines Flight Training Scholarship	5
ISA+21 Airline Type Rating Scholarship 2026	6
LIFT Academy Scholarship	6
Piedmont Airlines Flight Training Scholarship	6
PSA Airlines Flight Scholarship	6
Republic Airways Flight Scholarship	6
Sun Country Airlines "Fly in a New Direction" Scholarship	6
WAI United Aviate Academy Full Flight Training Scholarship.....	6
WAI United Aviate Academy Partial Scholarships	6

FOR CFIs

ISA+21 Francesca Norris Memorial Scholarship 2026	6
Martha King Scholarship for Female Flight Instructors	6

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Bonita Jean Olsen Memorial	7
Carol M. SaNogueira WAI Connecticut Chapter Aviation Scholarship	7
FLI Scholarship for USU Students	7
Russ Cotney and Lauren Cotney Vietry Professional Airline Pilot Career Scholarship	7

FOR DISPATCH

Republic Airways Dispatch Scholarship	7
Universal Weather & Aviation FAA-Certified Dispatcher Training Course Scholarship	7

FOR HELICOPTER

Vertical Aviation / WAI Commercial Helicopter Pilot Rating Scholarships	7
---	---

FOR SCHEDULERS

Business Aviation Scheduler Course	7
--	---

FOR STUDENT PILOTS

AOPA Student Pilot Scholarship	8
Boeing Flight Training Scholarship	8
The Dorothy Thompson/Tampa Bay Aviation Scholarship	8
Esther Noffke Flight Training Scholarship	8
Sporty's Foundation Flight Training Scholarship for WAI Chapter Member	8
Ted Mallory Memorial Scholarship	8
2026 Wings for Val Foundation Lieutenant Commander Lyndsay Evans Memorial Scholarship	8
2026 Wings for Val Foundation Lieutenant	8
Valerie Cappelaere Delaney Memorial Scholarship	8
Wings Over 35 Scholarship	9
Women Military Aviators Dream of Flight Scholarship	9

WAI2026 Scholarship Listings

As of September 25, 2025



= International

FOR ADVANCED RATING SCHOLARSHIPS

AeroStar ATP CTP Certification Training Scholarship



(\$4,200 value)

The ATP CTP course is a prerequisite for the FAA's highest certificate. This training program will impart conceptual knowledge through academics and consolidate that knowledge through training in a Flight Simulation Training Device (FSTD). The course bridges the knowledge gap between a pilot who holds a private pilot certificate and a pilot operating in an air carrier environment. This program meets the requirements of FAR §61.156. Successful completion of our FAA-approved course makes you eligible to take the ATP Multi-Engine (ATM) knowledge test, which you may take at any testing center. The ATP Certificate Training Program is 7-9 days long, (32 hours) 4 days ground taught by an experienced airline pilot; (10 hrs) 3 days advanced flight simulation training in a Level D Full Flight Sim; (4 hours) 1 day of Level D Flight Training Device as crew; (6 hrs) 2 days of Level D Full Flight Sim (FFS) as crew. This scholarship does not include lodging and transportation. Training must be scheduled to commence no later than one year from award. Cannot be converted to cash value or transferred to any other course or person.

Dare to Dream Scholarship



(THREE OFFERED – each at \$4,000 value)

A \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to a WAI member who is working toward an instrument or multiengine rating, commercial or CFI certificate. Funds will be paid directly to your flight school, and training must be completed within one year. The applicant must have a private pilot certificate, and will be chosen based on merit, career aspirations, and dedication, as well as contributions to her community. One letter of recommendation must be from a pilot who has flown with you. FAA Class 1-3 medicals will still be required and preferred; BasicMed will be considered. One or the other is required. Pre-requisite—private pilot certificate.

Diane Ballweg Scholarship

(\$500 value)

This scholarship is given to a woman over 30 years old who wants to learn to fly or who already has a private, sport, or recreational certificate and wants to pursue an advanced certificate or rating (instrument, commercial, or other). The scholarship award will be paid directly to the flight school to be applied to the recipient's account.

ISA+21 Financial Scholarship 2026



(TWO OFFERED – each at \$5,000 value)

The International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISA+21) will award a minimum of two scholarships valued at \$5,000 each to women working to acquire a CFI, CFII, or MEI certificate. Funds will be paid directly to an accredited college or university with an aviation curriculum, an aviation technical school, or a government-approved flight school. Training must be completed within one year of the award.

Keep Flying International Scholarship



(\$3,000 value)

The Keep Flying Scholarship was created after 9/11 to offer an intermediate level flight scholarship. This scholarship is open to WAI members worldwide. One \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual working on a fixed-wing aircraft instrument, commercial, multi-engine, or flight instructor certificate. Candidates must hold a private pilot certificate and have at least 100 hours of flight time. In addition, they must have passed all written exams for the certificate sought that is required by the aviation authority in their country. Finalists will be interviewed as part of the selection process. **International applicants only.**

Kylie Murray Memorial Women in Aviation International Scholarship

(\$7,500 value)

This scholarship was created by the Murray family in memory of Kylie Murray and to honor her love of aviation and athletics. The intent is to award one scholarship for flight training for commercial multi-engine land (C-MEL) or certified flight instructor—multi-engine (MEI) certification to a U.S. citizen with a FAA commercial pilot certificates and instrument rating.

This scholarship is provided in partnership with the ATP Flight School. The recipient must meet the requirements outlined below and may choose at their discretion either a 5-day, 10-hour or 7-day, 15-hour training program at any of ATP's multi-engine locations. Travel, lodging, or examiner's fees are not included in the program cost.

Juliana Turchetti Memorial Scholarship



(TWO OFFERED – each at \$5,000 value)

In honor of Juliana Turchetti, Brazil's first female agricultural pilot and an amphibious aerial firefighting Fire Boss pilot who, in July 2024, gave her life in the line of duty while fighting wildfires, Dauntless Air is proud to present the Juliana Turchetti Memorial Scholarship. We hope to honor her legacy by empowering women who share that same passion and determination to step confidently into the world of professional seaplane flying. This scholarship will award two (2) \$5,000 scholarships toward a seaplane add-on rating. The award can be used for training, checkride costs, and lodging. Applicants must have a current medical and hold at least a private pilot certificate at the time of the application. Recipients will be selected based on their essay, merit, motivation, demonstrated interest in seaplane flying and community involvement. Applicants are encouraged to draw parallels between Juliana's story and their own.

The Stephanie Goetz and Endre Holen Multi-Engine Commercial Scholarship



(\$5,000 value)

Stephanie Goetz (WAI member 84673) and her husband Endre Holen are passionate about making a difference in the life of a driven and dedicated pilot pursuing a professional career in aviation. A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to an exceptional individual for their multi-engine commercial rating. Stephanie and Endre are both pilots and CFIs and know the importance of dedication to flight training and pursuing your dreams. They want to see the recipient has career aspirations to become a professional pilot, has a need for this support, and has or will give back to their community in some way.

WASP Elaine D. Harmon Tailwheel Scholarship (\$1,500 value)



In memory of WASP pilot Elaine D. Harmon, this scholarship will provide up to \$1,500 to fund tailwheel endorsement training. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and assist pilots to become involved in the warbird and vintage aircraft community to keep these historic airplanes flying. Warbirds and vintage airplanes bring a piece of history to the aviation community and help educate the public. The tailwheel endorsement is generally a requirement to pursue a warbird pilot rating. Accordingly, this scholarship is intended to support a pilot who is interested in further training to fly warbirds or vintage planes.

International candidates are welcome, but the training must take place in the United States and must meet the minimum certification requirements to pursue this training.

The White Family Legacy Scholarship (\$3,000 value)

The White Family Legacy Scholarship is offering one \$3,000 scholarship to an individual working on a fixed wing aircraft instrument or multi-engine rating, or commercial or CFI certificate. Funds will be paid directly to your flight school. Flight training must be completed within one year of receipt of scholarship.

Applicants must have a private pilot certificate, 100 hours of flight time, and a current copy of the written test results for the certificate/rating sought. One letter of recommendation from a pilot who has flown with you. The recipient will be chosen on basis of merit, career aspirations and dedication, and contributions to the community.

FOR AEROSPACE/AVIATION ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

American Airlines Engineering Scholarship (TWO OFFERED – each at \$7,500 value)

American Airlines will award two \$7,500 scholarships to a student pursuing a degree in Engineering with a passion to work in the airline/aviation industry. Candidates will be evaluated on academic standing, personal accomplishments, teamwork, leadership skills and community service involvement and future career aspirations.

Requirements: meet all WAI scholarship requirements and guidelines, GPA must be 3.0 or higher, enrolled in an accredited U.S. engineering program through a college or university, U.S. citizen or permanent resident. American Airlines' Technical Operations divisions are vital to the company's commitment to provide safe, dependable, and friendly air transportation to their customers. As such, they seek to attract top maintenance talent who share their passion and interest in the aviation industry.

The NKL Aerospace Engineering Scholarship (\$1,000 value)



The applicant must be enrolled or accepted in an accredited two- or four-year college, technical institution, or certificate program with a declared major in aerospace engineering and a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Applicant must provide a copy of an enrollment acceptance letter, be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and a volunteer in STEM and aviation-related events and/or WAI activities. Submit a 500-1,000 word essay, typed

and double spaced, addressing the following topics: financial need, who or what inspired you to pursue a degree/career in aerospace engineering, what career path are you pursuing, and how are you involved in aviation and community service. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution.

PSA Airlines Engineering Scholarship (\$3,000 Value)



PSA Airlines is proud to offer a \$3,000 scholarship to a Women in Aviation International (WAI) member who is pursuing a career in aerospace engineering or a related aviation engineering field. This scholarship is designed to support individuals who are working toward becoming leaders in the aerospace sector, with a focus on innovation, safety, and the future of flight.

FOR AVIATION MAINTENANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines and Horizon Air Maintenance Scholarship (\$5,000 value)

Alaska Airlines will award one \$5,000 scholarship to a female student pursuing her A&P license with the goal of working for Alaska Air Group. Applicants must be interested in one of our Maintenance Technician Development Programs or be already enrolled. Candidates will be evaluated on volunteer work in the community, teamwork, leadership skills, technical skills, and interest in working for Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines or Horizon Air.

Amazon Maintenance Technician Scholarship (\$2,500 value)



Amazon is proud to offer the Aircraft Maintenance Technician scholarship to a remarkable woman currently enrolled in an Aviation Maintenance Program (A&P) or an aspiring maintenance technician. This scholarship aims to recognize and empower a woman who exemplifies academic excellence, demonstrates strong leadership potential, and is dedicated to making a positive impact within the aviation community. To be considered for this award, applicant must be a current WAI member, and submit a 500-word essay and two letters of recommendation.

American Airlines Aircraft Maintenance Technician Scholarship (TWO OFFERED – each at \$7,500 value)

American Airlines will award two \$7,500 scholarships to a student currently enrolled in an Aviation Maintenance Program (A&P) or a degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology. Candidates will be evaluated on academic standing, personal accomplishments, teamwork, leadership skills and community service involvement.

Requirements: meet all WAI scholarship requirements and guidelines, GPA must be 3.0 or higher, enrolled in an accredited U.S. maintenance program, U.S. citizen or permanent resident. American Airlines Maintenance & Engineering departments are vital to the company's commitment to provide safe, dependable, and friendly air transportation to their customers. As such, they seek to attract top maintenance talent who share their passion and interest in the aviation industry.

Boeing Maintenance Training Scholarship

(\$7,500 value)

NEW
for
2026

Boeing's commitment to general aviation includes a maintenance training scholarship for a female individual currently enrolled in an accredited maintenance program, or an accredited college or university should have a GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale). The recipient will be chosen based on passion for aviation, commitment to pursuing a career in aviation maintenance, and the ability to complete training. Include two reference letters highlighting the applicant's character qualities. Funds will be paid directly to the school, and the training is to be completed within one year.

PSA Airlines Maintenance Scholarship

(\$3,000 value)

PSA Airlines is excited to provide a \$3,000 scholarship to a WAI member pursuing a career in commercial aviation. Candidate's must be working toward a career as an A&P Mechanic. We are looking for candidate's that display our key characteristics of driven, reliable and caring and have a passion for aviation.

Vertical Aviation / WAI Maintenance Technician Certificate Scholarships

(\$2,500 value)



This scholarship provides \$2,500 to applicants who are in training to become aviation maintenance technicians. Applicants must already be enrolled in a maintenance technician certificate program at an FAA-approved Part 147 school or international equivalent. Applicants who expect to receive their maintenance technician certificates prior to Jan. 1, 2026, are ineligible to apply for this award.

FOR GENERAL CAREER ADVANCEMENTS

The Al Worden "Endeavour" Scholarship

(TWO OFFERED – each at \$7,000 value)

The Endeavour Scholarship is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit that brings STEM-minded high school students and teachers on an all-expenses-paid, 10-day journey culminating at Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, in summer 2026. Eight teams of four students and one teacher are selected to represent their home countries in this immersive experience of international collaboration, education, and leadership.

Students will participate in the Advanced Academy and experience astronaut-like training. Teachers will join the Space Camp for Educators program, learning engaging and active STEAM lessons for the classroom. Once selected, winners will design their own mission patch, meet astronauts and other aerospace industry leaders, and make lasting friendships. This scholarship only requires a 3-minute video application.

Elisha Hall Memorial Scholarship

(\$2,000 value)



WAI member Elisha Hall represented herself as a dedicated and passionate aviation professional. She was a leader, an explorer, and lived life to its fullest. She set both her sights and her standards high. To celebrate her life and accomplishments, the WAI Wright Chapter is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to a woman who embodies the qualities that Elisha so splendidly exemplified, and who is seeking to further her aviation career in one or more of the following areas: flight training; aircraft scheduling or dispatch; aviation management; aviation maintenance or avionics. Preference is given to lo-

cal candidates within the Cincinnati, Ohio/Tri-State area, but all applicants will be considered based upon character, need, community involvement, and accomplishments. Limited financial assistance will be offered to the scholarship recipient to attend the WAI conference.

Janet Clark Memorial Scholarship

(\$1,500 value)

The Washington State Chapter of Women in Aviation International (WAI) offers a \$1,500 scholarship for aviation career advancement in memory of Janet Clark. She worked for the FAA as an airworthiness aviation safety inspector, maintenance division and was a member of the Washington State Chapter. Washington State Chapter members are proud of Janet's contributions as a strong advocate for aviation education.

Aviation careers include air traffic controller, airport management, avionics technician, dispatcher, engineer, flight attendant, mechanic, meteorologist, navigator, and pilot. If the applicant has been working toward a career as a pilot, she/he must hold at least a private pilot certificate prior to submitting application.

Mary Ann Eiff Memorial Outreach Award

(\$1,500 value)

The Mary Ann Eiff Memorial Award seeks to recognize a WAI member, a WAI chapter, or another significant entity that has demonstrated a clear commitment to reaching young women through outreach activities to inform them of the many aviation careers available to them and encourage them to consider choosing aviation careers. Individuals who win this award will receive a lifetime membership in WAI (currently a \$1,500 value); or if awarded to a WAI Chapter, a \$1,500 contribution will be made to the chapter to sustain their outreach activities. Potential recipients may apply themselves or on behalf of their chapter.

MzeroA Gold Lifetime Membership Scholarship

(\$2,497 value)

MzeroA is sponsoring a scholarship that will award the winner with a Gold Lifetime Membership to the MzeroA Online Ground School. The Gold Lifetime Membership provides access to full United States FAA private, instrument, commercial, certified flight instructor, and fundamentals of instruction ground schools to prepare members for their FAA knowledge exam, practical test, and most importantly, to be a safe, real-world pilot. This membership includes over 320 full HD training videos, four complete ground school courses, live weekly workshops, Q&A sessions and mock checkrides, and a member only forum.

Ruth "Kathy" Ditchfield Legacy Scholarship

(\$1,000 value)

U.S. and
Canada

NEW
for
2026

In honor of Ruth "Kathy" Ditchfield, who achieved her private pilot certificate/license in 1971 in Ottawa, Canada, and presented by WAI member Amanda Ditchfield Johnson, this \$1,000 scholarship intended to empower young women to reach new opportunities and support a candidate pursuing a future in aviation. This scholarship supports continuing flight training for private pilots or tuition towards an aviation degree program.

If the funds are used towards flight training, the applicant must hold a private pilot certificate/license. Applicants are required to update the funder with progress reports or photos of their flight training. Funds will be paid directly to the flight training school or degree program.

Take FLIGHT Trailblazer Scholarship (\$1,500 value)

U.S. and
Canada

NEW
for
2026

Aviation Influence, Inc. is proud to award a \$1,500 scholarship to support a young woman pursuing careers in aviation aerospace and related STEM fields. Whether training to become a pilot, earning an A&P certification, or working toward an aviation-related degree, this scholarship is designed to help take your ambition to the next level. Applicants age 16 or older, with a minimum GPA of 2.8 or higher, residing in the Greater Delaware Valley region (PA, NJ, DE, MD, or NY) are strongly encouraged to apply. Residency in this region is not required for selection.

Aviation Influence, Inc. will follow up with recipients to celebrate student progress and ensure the award is used as intended. We also remain connected with our scholars beyond the award—gifting AVi swag, extending invitations to events, and outreach programs, and offering continued support in career planning, mentorship, and professional placement.

Yukiko Howell Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500 value)

The Washington State Chapter of Women in Aviation, International (WAI) offers a \$1,500 scholarship for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S.T.E.M.) education in memory of Yukiko Howell. Yukiko taught math, science, and Japanese language for many years at Annie Wright School, a private school in Tacoma, Washington. After obtaining her private pilot certificate, Yukiko taught weekly aviation lessons at her school, including the basics of flying. She advocated aviation in her school lessons, emphasizing math and science proficiency as a means to achieve an exciting aviation career. She used her own flight training and flight experience to motivate her students. Yukiko was a volunteer for the WAI Washington State Chapter scholarship committee and at our local education and outreach events.

FOR CAREER PILOTS

Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, and Horizon Air Pilot Scholarship (\$5,000 value)

Alaska Airlines will award one \$5,000 scholarship to a female pilot pursuing a professional airline pilot career with the goal of working for Alaska Air Group. Applicants must be full-time college students at the junior or senior level and must be enrolled in or interested in our Pilot Development Program. Candidates will be evaluated on volunteer work in the community, teamwork, leadership skills, airmanship, and interest in working for Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines or Horizon Air.

Amazon Professional Flight Training Scholarship (\$2,500 value)



Amazon is proud to offer the Professional Flight Training Scholarship to a remarkable woman enrolled in flight training. This scholarship aims to recognize and empower a woman who exemplifies academic excellence, demonstrates strong leadership potential, and is dedicated to making a positive impact within the aviation community. To be considered for this award, applicant must be a current WAI member, and submit a 500-word essay and two letters of recommendation.

American Airlines Flight Educational Scholarship (FOUR OFFERED – each at \$7,500 value)

American Airlines will award up to four \$7,500 educational scholarship to a qualified member of Women in Aviation who is interested in developing skills that will lead to a career as a professional airline pilot. As well as the WAI Scholarship Application requirements, candidates must also address the following questions:

1. How would this scholarship help you achieve your career goals?
2. Why did you apply for this scholarship?
3. How have you demonstrated your involvement with WAI?

Funds may be used for: Flight training such as private pilot, instrument, multi-engine, commercial, instructor, or ATP. Funds are not applicable towards a sport or recreational pilot certificate. Candidates must have a high school diploma, be 18 years of age or older, and have enrolled in a private pilot ground school course or logged flight time with a CFI.

Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship (\$5,000 value)

The Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship will be awarded to a female pilot with the following accomplishments: must be a U.S. citizen, have a burning desire to become a professional pilot, have at least a private pilot certificate with 150 hours flying time, and be on track towards the ATP. This award will be used to further her aims towards instrument rating, or multi-engine rating or ATP.

FedEx Flight Training Scholarship (\$5,000 value)

FedEx Express would like to make a difference in the life of a female pilot who is a member of WAI and is pursuing their dream in the world of aviation. A \$5,000 scholarship can be used toward an instrument, multi-engine rating, commercial, or CFI certificate. Funds will be paid directly to your flight school and training must be completed within one year. The applicant must have a current private pilot certificate. In addition to the minimum WAI scholarship application requirements, candidates must address the following questions within their 500-word essay: How would this scholarship help you achieve your career goals?

Frontier Airlines Flight Training Scholarship (\$5,000 value)

Frontier Airlines will award a \$5,000 scholarship for a female seeking a career as a professional airline pilot. Applicants must be a full-time junior; senior or graduate student currently enrolled in an accredited collegiate aviation or aeronautical science program at the application deadline. Minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA, FAA Instrument rating, required. FAA commercial certificate and FAA multi-engine rating preferred. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to your flight school and training must be completed within one year.

ISA+21 Airline Type Rating Scholarship 2026 (**\$10,000 value**)



The International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISA+21) offers scholarships to promote the advancement of women in airline flight decks worldwide. ISA+21 will award a minimum of one type rating (B737 or A320), valued at \$10,000, to a member of WAI. The successful candidate will undergo eight days of training with Flight Training International (FTI) in either Miami, Florida, or Denver, Colorado. Funds will be paid directly to FTI, and training must be completed within 18 months. Finalists will be interviewed at the WAI2026 Conference, and the winner will be notified after the conference. Pre-requisite—private pilot certificate.

LIFT Academy Scholarship (**\$5,000 value**)

LIFT Academy will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a female pilot pursuing a professional pilot career. Candidates will be evaluated on academic standing, personal accomplishments, teamwork, leadership skills, and airman-ship. Applicants must be current or incoming LIFT Academy students.

Piedmont Airlines Flight Training Scholarship (**TWO OFFERED – each at \$2,500 value**)

This scholarship is available to any person who wishes to further their career with any type of flight training or to become a pilot. Scholarship recipients may use this scholarship to put toward funding flight training including ground school, in-aircraft training, aircraft rental, instructor fees, or course materials.

PSA Airlines Flight Scholarship (**\$3,000 value**)

PSA Airlines is excited to provide a \$3,000 scholarship to a WAI member pursuing a career as an airline pilot. Candidates must hold a commercial pilot license, and working on obtaining a CFI rating. We are looking for candidates that display our key characteristics of driven, reliable and caring and have a passion for aviation.

Republic Airways Flight Scholarship (**\$5,000 value**)

Republic Airways will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a female commercial pilot pursuing a professional pilot career. Candidates will be evaluated on academic standing, personal accomplishments, teamwork, leadership skills, and airmanship. Applicants must be RJet Cadets with Republic Airways. Visit <https://careers.rjet.com/> and search for RJet Cadet to apply.

Sun Country Airlines "Fly in a New Direction" Scholarship (**\$5,000 value**)

Sun Country Airlines will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a female applicant who is passionate about and determined to become a career pilot and soaring to new heights. Applicants must be pursuing a career to become a professional career pilot, hold a private pilot certificate, and be pursuing an advanced pilot certificate or rating. Funds will be paid directly to the flight school to be applied to the recipient's account and must be used within a year of receiving the award.

WAI | United Aviate Academy Full Flight Training Scholarship (**\$110,700 value**)

Do you dream of a career of boundless horizons where the sky is literally the limit? Are you driven for a life of adventure and a strong financial future? If your goal is to fly for United Airlines but don't have flight experience, the United Aviate Academy is the place to start. United, and Boeing are providing scholarship funding for students admitted to United Aviate Academy. Both full and partial tuition scholarships are available through this program and go towards the cost of tuition and fees. Applicants must first be accepted to United Aviate Academy to apply for a scholarship. Current students are eligible to receive a scholarship prior to graduating.

WAI | United Aviate Academy Partial Scholarships (**FOUR OFFERED – each at \$27,500 value**)

Do you dream of a career of boundless horizons where the sky is literally the limit? Are you driven for a life of adventure and a strong financial future? If your goal is to fly for United Airlines but don't have flight experience, the United Aviate Academy is the place to start. United, and Boeing are providing scholarship funding for students admitted to United Aviate Academy. Both full and partial tuition scholarships are available through this program and go towards the cost of tuition and fees. Applicants must first be accepted to United Aviate Academy to apply for a scholarship. Current students are eligible to receive a scholarship prior to graduating.

FOR CFIs

ISA+21 Francesca Norris Memorial Scholarship 2026 (**\$5,000 value**)



This scholarship was established to honor the memory of a young woman who was well on her way to achieving her dream of becoming an airline pilot when she lost her life in an airplane accident. The Francesca Norris Memorial Fund generously donated the funds for this scholarship. The International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISA+21) will award two \$5,000 scholarships to women who are working to acquire a CFI, CFII, or MEI rating, in honor of Francesca's memory. Funds will be paid directly to an accredited college or university with an aviation curriculum, an aviation technical school, or a government-approved flight school. Training must be completed within one year of the award.

Martha King Scholarship for Female Flight Instructors (**\$20,000 value**)

King Schools will award a scholarship to a female pilot working on an initial flight instructor certificate or a new rating on her flight instructor certificate. The award includes \$5,000 to apply toward an initial CFI rating or any CFI add-on certificate, access to the entire library of King Schools online courses for life (valued at over \$15,000), and FIRC for life. The applicant must be a member of WAI holding a current FAA commercial certificate with an instrument rating, or a CFI certificate.

Please include in your essay the following information: your aviation history and goals, what you have done to achieve your goals, where you see yourself in 5 and 10 years, and how the scholarship will help you achieve your objective and your present financial need.

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Bonita Jean Olsen Memorial

(\$3,000 value)



In addition to all WAI requirements, the applicant shall be pursuing higher education toward a STEM career with plans to enter a career in aviation or aerospace. The applicant must be enrolled (or committed to attending) an accredited institution (includes two- and four-year colleges, technical institutes, and certificate programs), and have experience volunteering in STEM or aviation-related events and/or WAI activities within the past year. In your WAI application essay, include detailed explanations of the applicant's career plans, goals, and volunteer experiences. Preference will be given to local candidates within the Seattle/Washington state area, but all applicants will be considered based upon character, need, community involvement, and accomplishments.

Carol M. SaNogueira WAI Connecticut Chapter Aviation Scholarship

(\$1,000 value)

SaNogueira's message to young women—interested in an exciting life in the skies or a STEM career—is powerful: “If you think you can do it and it's something you're passionate about, just go for it. Don't let anyone say you can't do it, because you can.” —Hartford Courant

The WAI Connecticut Chapter (WAI) is very pleased to offer the “Carol M. SaNogueira WAI Connecticut Chapter Aviation Scholarship.” The scholarship will be awarded to any woman who wishes to pursue a career in the aerospace industry that resides, works or goes to school in Connecticut for engineering, A&P, or pilot training.

Preference will be given to Connecticut residents, but all applicants will be considered based upon character, need, and accomplishments. The award must be used for educational purposes at an accredited college or university.

FLI Scholarship for USU Students

(\$10,000 value)

NEW
for
2026

As a fellow Aggie and graduate of the Professional Flight Program at Utah State University, Amy Vargecko is proud to offer this Female Leadership and Impact scholarship.

Her hope is that it will aid recipients in advancing their education and achieving their aviation goals. With over 20 years in the industry, she has witnessed the positive impact women continue to make in various aviation roles yet recognizes that there is still much progress to be made. Whether in the flight deck, chief pilot's office, part of and/or leading safety committees, management or as mentoring female aviators, she looks forward to seeing the future leadership and contributions of women making a lasting impact and driving positive change in the aviation industry. Good luck!

Russ Cotney and Lauren Cotney Vietry Professional Airline Pilot Career Scholarship

(\$2,500 value)

This scholarship is established in honor of Maj. Gen. (ret.) William Russell Cotney in recognition of his 40 years of meritorious service to his country in the United States Air Force and Air National Guard and in honor of his daughter Lauren Cotney, who, following in her father's

footsteps, is distinguishing herself as a pilot for Delta Air Lines and in her service to her country as a member of the Air National Guard. Successful applicants must be women pursuing a professional airline pilot career as a junior, senior, or graduate-level student enrolled in an accredited college or university aviation, engineering, or aeronautical science program.

FOR DISPATCH

Republic Airways Dispatch Scholarship

(\$5,000 value)

NEW
for
2026

Republic Airways will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a female applicant pursuing a career as a dispatcher.

Universal Weather & Aviation FAA-Certified Dispatcher Training Course Scholarship

(\$4,995 value)

The Universal Weather and Aviation's hybrid aircraft dispatcher course consists of two elements: a self-paced online portion and an eight-day classroom session. This course allows the applicant to complete most of the coursework online over a four- to eight-month period. When the online requirements are met and the FAA Airman Knowledge Test is passed, the recipient will spend eight days at the Houston, Texas, training facility to complete the practical portion of his or her training.

FOR HELICOPTER

Vertical Aviation / WAI Commercial Helicopter Pilot Rating Scholarships

(\$5,000 value)



This scholarship provides \$5,000 to applicants who want to attain their commercial helicopter ratings. Applicants must already have their private pilot's license and be enrolled in a commercial helicopter rating program at an FAA-approved Part 141 school or international equivalent. Applicants must expect to receive your commercial helicopter pilot rating after January 1, 2026 (if you receive your rating before this date, you are not eligible to apply).

FOR SCHEDULERS

Business Aviation Scheduler Course

(\$695 value)



BAC is offering one Business Aviation Scheduler Course to a WAI member to help them pursue active employment as a Part 91 Scheduler. The course is to be used within one year of receiving the award. The recipient will also receive access to the BAC Schedulers Resource Page.

FOR STUDENT PILOTS

AOPA Student Pilot Scholarship

(\$3,000 value)

Since 1939, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), has worked to keep general aviation fun, safe, and affordable. As part of its commitment to growing the pilot population, AOPA will award a \$3,000 scholarship to a WAI member pursuing a private, recreational, or sport pilot certificate. If the applicant is a full-time student enrolled in high school, an accredited flight program, or an accredited college or university, she/he must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale). The applicant must include a 300-word essay expressing how they engage in supporting, promoting, or growing general aviation, including their participation in general aviation activities, events, or organizations, and any leadership positions or volunteer work. The applicant must also have obtained a student pilot certificate by the scholarship application deadline and provide a copy of the certificate. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Boeing Flight Training Scholarship

(\$7,500 value)



Boeing's commitment to general aviation includes a pilot flight training scholarship for a female working toward a private, recreational, sport pilot certificate, or instrument rating. Funds will be paid directly to your flight school, and training is to be completed within one year. The recipient will be chosen based on passion for flying, commitment to completing flight training and two reference letters highlighting the applicant's character qualities. Applicants who are full-time students enrolled in high school, an accredited flight program, or an accredited college or university should have a GPA of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

The Dorothy Thompson/Tampa Bay Aviation Scholarship

(\$1,500 value)

Tampa Bay Aviation offers one scholarship to a WAI member pursuing a fixed-wing or rotorcraft, private or commercial pilot certificate, or instrument rating. The scholarship will be in the form of a credit on their account at Tampa Bay Aviation. Funds will not be disbursed directly to the recipient. The recipient will be responsible for all written and oral examination fees, as well as any other fees which do not consist of aircraft rental or instruction at Tampa Bay Aviation. The scholarship must be used in pursuit of a certificate or rating and cannot simply be used for aircraft rental.

Esther Noffke Flight Training Scholarship

(\$5,000 value)

In memory of aviation pioneer Esther Noffke, George J. Priester Aviation is awarding one flight training scholarship worth \$5,000. Esther's passion for aviation was evident from a young age.

In March 1944, Esther and 48 of her classmates earned their silver WASP wings, officially becoming Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

In December 1944, when George Priester bought Pal-Waukee Airport and she began the role of his administrative assistant. She became an integral part of the development and growth of the Chicago Executive Airport. In 2010, Esther was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for her service with the WASPs. Esther's legacy in the aviation industry is marked by her unwavering dedication and the significant impact she had on the institutions with which she was associated.

Sporty's Foundation Flight Training Scholarship for WAI Chapter Member

(\$5,000 value)

Sporty's Foundation is offering one flight training scholarship to a WAI member who works with youth to help them pursue their aviation dreams and is pursuing a recreational, sport, or private pilot certificate. Special consideration will be given to Girls in Aviation Day volunteers. Scholarship funds are to be used for flight training costs only and must be used within one year of receiving the scholarship. Award money will be sent to the recipient's flight school for disbursement. The recipient will also receive a copy of Sporty's complete Learn to Fly Flight Training Course.

Ted Mallory Memorial Scholarship

(\$250 value)

A past board member of WAI, Ted Mallory, was dedicated to the organization and to ensuring the availability of scholarships to provide opportunities for individuals interested in learning to fly. The Ted Mallory Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a WAI member who is interested in pursuing a Private Pilot certificate or Instrument rating.

2026 Wings for Val Foundation Lieutenant Commander Lyndsay Evans Memorial Scholarship

(\$10,000 value)



The Wings for Val Foundation is proud to offer this new for 2026 scholarship to honor the life and legacy of Navy Lieutenant Commander Lyndsay Evans (August 21, 1993–October 15, 2024). It is open to a female WAI member from any country, 18 years of age or older and will be awarded to an individual pursuing any type of flight training. Applicants are asked to research Lieutenant Commander Evans and draw similarities to her life and character in an additional written essay. FAA Class 1-3 Medicals are preferred; BasicMed will be considered. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the winner's flight school of choice and must be used within a year of receiving the award.

2026 Wings for Val Foundation Lieutenant Valerie Cappelaere Delaney Memorial Scholarship

(\$10,000 value)



The Wings for Val Foundation, www.WingsforVal.org, honors the life and legacy of Navy Lieutenant Valerie "Val" Delaney (May 14, 1986–March 11, 2013), through a mission to support women in aviation and to inspire the next generation of female leaders.

This scholarship honors Val's memory and is open to a female WAI member from any country, 18 years of age or older. It will be awarded to an individual pursuing a private fixed wing pilot license or any subsequent flight ratings through commercial pilot. Applicants are asked to research Lieutenant Delaney and draw similarities to her life and character in an additional written essay. FAA Class 1-3 Medicals are preferred; BasicMed will be considered. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the winner's flight school of choice and must be used within a year of receiving the award.



Wings Over 35 Scholarship

(\$500 value)



The Wings Over 35 Scholarship is designed to promote general aviation among men or women over the age of 35 to attain certification as a private pilot. In addition to WAI requirements, the applicant must be over the age of 35, must not hold a private pilot certificate, and must have a desire to pursue higher ratings. Applicants must hold at least a FAA Class 3 medical. In your 500-word essay, please explain your goals in aviation, what you have done so far toward attaining that goal, and in general terms your financial need. All proceeds will be paid directly to the flight school of your choice and must be used within a year of receiving the award.

Women Military Aviators Dream of Flight Scholarship

(\$2,500 value)

Women Military Aviators (WMA) seeks to preserve, for history, the important role women have played in creating and supporting the American Spirit through their contributions to flight, aeronautics and space. These elite bands of women have not only a love of aviation but have put their lives on the line in defense of their country through their military service. WMA is committed to passing this legacy from one generation of women to another and has established an annual scholarship program in support of this commitment. Advocating the love of aviation, WMA offers an annual scholarship to advance a woman in her pursuit of flight ratings at an accredited institution or FAA Approved Part 141 or Part 61 flight school. Over the past 30 years this scholarship has been given to select candidates so that they may pursue opportunities in aviation.

