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It's Time for Girls in Aviation Day!

Thousands of girls, ages 8-18, around the world on September 23 will be able to experience the 9th Annual Girls in Aviation Day (GIAD) in their local communities at more than 150 events hosted by WAI chapters and corporate members. WAI will continue to offer additional virtual resources, activities, information, and instructional videos via the free Aviation for Girls app.

New for 2023, WAI has published [The Sky is Unlimited: Careers in Aviation and Aerospace](#) that will be included in each GIAD Activity Kit and will be available on the Aviation for Girls app as well as the WAI website at www.WAI.org/aviation-careers.





Get involved with #GIAD2023 - spread the word, or volunteer at an event near you!

Find Your Local GIAD Event

AFG2023-Issue 2 Activity Handouts

Many thanks to our 2023 Girls in Aviation Day partners and donors, without whom this education program would not be possible. Our supports 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.

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Find a Scholarship For You!

Within the first day of opening our WAI2024 scholarships, we received over 100 applications. Be sure to send in your applications for three scholarship listings of your choosing before the October 12, 2023,

Scholarships are open to WAI members of all ages. There are more than 105 scholarships to review with numerous opportunities in aerospace engineering, dispatcher, flight training, as well as general leadership and professional development. Search for WAI2024 scholarships that best fit your interests online at www.WAI.org/scholarships.

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



Book Your WAI2024 Conference Hotel Room

Reservations are now available at the WAI2024 host hotel—Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida. Discounted rates will sell out.

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.



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

monthly.

Please register for this month's Chapter Leadership Connect webinar!
September 8, 2023 - (1 p.m. - 2 p.m. EST)

Topic: How Scholarships Change Lives

[Register 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!



Join Cambria Bilinski, WAI professional development education coordinator, for an informative and empowering webinar designed to assist in unlocking the potential of WAI scholarships. Cambria will guide you through the application process and help you discover the multitude of opportunities available to fund your dreams in this month's Chapter Leadership Connect on September 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. EST. Register to attend [here.](#)



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.

Almost 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



The [WAI Mentor Connect platform](#) has new capabilities, functions, and tools and is exclusively for WAI Members.

[Sign up today](#) to Be a Mentor, Get a Mentor,
or both!

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.

2023

***September 8-9** - AOPA's Aviator Showcase, Frederick, Maryland, www.AOPA.org

***September 14-16** - Latino Pilots Association (LPA), 1st Annual Latin Aerospace Industry Expo, Kissimmee, Florida, www.LatinoPilot.org

***September 23** - 9th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day. [Find an event near you.](#)

October 17-19 - 2023 NBAA-BACE, Las Vegas, Nevada, www.NBAA.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
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- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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