



SCHOLARSHIPS CHANGE LIVES

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United 2026 Scholarship Recipients

Ignite your personal learning experience by applying for WAI2027 scholarships this year. There are many opportunities if you are interested in aerospace engineering, dispatch, flight training, UAS, as well as general leadership and professional development scholarships. Chart your aviation/aerospace course today!

So far for 2027, WAI generous funders have created more than 80 scholarships valued at over \$400,000. Detailed descriptions of each scholarship are available at www.WAI.org/scholarships. Check back often as more scholarship opportunities will be added. All applications must be submitted by Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

The WAI Harvard Emerging Leaders 2027 Professional Development applications are also included in this scholarship cycle. WAI members with an aptitude for leadership and at least seven years of career experience can apply for the May 11–13, 2027, On Campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the June 2–4, 2027, Online program.

To apply, you must be a member of Women in Aviation International by August 30, 2026, and have an expiration date of March 30, 2027, or later. 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 WAI2027 scholarships will be awarded during the 38th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Savannah, Georgia, at the Savannah Convention Center on Friday, February 26, 2027.

Questions? Email scholarships@wai.org.

APPLICATION REMINDERS

- Be a WAI member by August 30, 2026, and with a membership expiration of March 30, 2027, or later.
- Apply for up to three scholarships.
- Scholarships are awarded at the 38th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Savannah, Georgia, at the Savannah Convention Center on Friday, February 26, 2027.
- Submit applications online by the September 1, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST deadline.
- Most recipients of the WAI2027 scholarships will be notified by December 15, 2026.

The requirements listed below are the minimum for all scholarships unless otherwise indicated. Some scholarships may require additional information. Please read each 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 flight training scholarships)
- other applicable information as requested for each specific award/grant scholarship
- official WAI application form
- WAI online application portal submission

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FOR ADVANCED RATING SCHOLARSHIPS

AeroStar ATP CTP Certification Training Scholarship

\$3,900 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.



Airlines on Autopilot MEI Scholarship

\$5,000 value

Airlines on Autopilot is proud to offer one \$5,000 scholarship toward a multi-engine instructor (MEI) certificate. Founded by airline pilot and lead flight instructor Ava Almquist, Airlines on Autopilot helps student pilots and aspiring instructors prepare for their checkrides and oral exams through structured lesson plans, checkride study guides, and supplemental ground schools. The recipient will be selected based on their demonstrated passion for teaching and intention to instruct through the airline for minimum flight-hour requirements. Funds will be paid directly to the flight school, and training must be completed within one year of the award. U.S. applicants only. Pre-requisite—CFI, commercial pilot certificate with multi-engine ratings.

Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship

\$5,000 value

The Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship will be awarded to a female pilot to further her aims toward instrument rating, multi-engine rating, or ATP.

Anne began her career in aviation as an instructor in aerodynamics at the John R. Powers Aerospace School in Boston; continued as an aviation consultant and corporate pilot; became a manager and pilot for Baltimore Airways; and flew as the first female Experimental Research Pilot for MIT Lincoln Laboratory Flight Test Facility in Bedford, doing airborne research for the Department of Defense and the FAA.

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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 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 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. Prerequisite—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 2027

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

INTERNATIONAL ONLY



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

\$7,000 value

This scholarship was created by the Murray family in memory of Kylie Murray and to honor her love of aviation. 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.

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. This fund may be used only to award scholarships that pay for flight training fees. The fund may not be used for any other purpose.

Juliana Turchetti Memorial Scholarship

TWO OFFERED – each at \$4,000 value



In honor of Juliana Turchetti, the first Brazilian woman to pilot agricultural aircraft on U.S. soil and a Fire Boss seaplane pilot who gave her life in the line of duty while fighting wildfires, Dauntless Air is proud to present the Juliana Turchetti Memorial Scholarship. This award honors her legacy by supporting women pursuing a seaplane rating. Funds will be paid directly to the flight school or recognized and insured training provider and must be used within 12 months of the award date.

The Stephanie Goetz and Endre Holen Multi-Engine Commercial Scholarship

\$5,000 value

Stephanie Goetz (WAI 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.

Scholarship submitters must have all the WAI requirements as well as a private pilot and instrument rating. For the essay, on one page—and no more than 500 words—we would like their current status of aeronautical experience, what kind of career they want to have and why they're passionate about flying and giving back. Letters of recommendation are a plus. FAA Class 1-3 Medicals are required. We want to see someone who is truly committed to this field and has a love for aviation!

WASP Elaine D. Harmon Tailwheel Scholarship

\$2,000 value

U.S. SCHOOLS ONLY



In memory of WASP pilot Elaine D. Harmon, this scholarship will provide up to \$2,000 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, as well as to support those pursuing backcountry flying goals, helping to keep these historic airplanes flying. Warbirds and vintage airplanes bring a piece of history to the aviation community and help educate the public, while tailwheel aircraft also play a critical role in developing the skills for safe and effective off-airport and backcountry operations. The tailwheel endorsement is generally a requirement to pursue a warbird pilot rating and is also foundational to many backcountry flying environments. Accordingly, this scholarship is intended to support a pilot who is interested in further training to fly warbirds, vintage aircraft, or to expand their capabilities in backcountry flying.

International candidates are welcome, but the training must take place in the United States. Applicants must be current WAI members and are encouraged to research if they meet the minimum certification requirements to pursue this training at their United States provider of choice. The funds will be paid directly to the training provider and must be used within one year of receiving the award.



(L to R) Daelyn Wiese, Charli Brooks

The White Family Legacy Scholarship

TWO OFFERED – each at \$3,000 value

The White Family Legacy Scholarship offers two \$3000 scholarships to individuals 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 the scholarship.

Minimum requirements: 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 based on merit, career aspirations and dedication, and contributions to the community. In your essay, please address how the funds will be used, and your professional goals. Also, please discuss any community or volunteer service organizations you are a member of, including dates and hours of service and a summary of your activities.

AEROSPACE/AVIATION ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

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- to 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.

AVIATION MAINTENANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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 and must 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.

Epic Flight Academy Aviation Maintenance Technician Scholarship

TWO OFFERED – each at \$25,000 value

Epic Flight Academy offers two scholarships for \$25,000 each towards their FAA Part 147 aviation maintenance technician program. This scholarship supports entry level applicants to become an FAA-certified airframe and powerplant (A&P) aviation mechanic.

Applicants may select one of Epic's two aircraft mechanic campuses. One is located in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The other is located in Erlanger, Kentucky at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG).

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Evelyn Lockwood Greene Memorial A&P Maintenance Scholarship

\$2,000 value

The Evelyn Lockwood Greene Memorial A&P Maintenance Scholarship is intended for a woman pursuing a career in aviation maintenance and fabrication who shares Evelyn's passion for restoring, maintaining, and flying vintage aircraft. This scholarship will fund airframe and powerplant (A & P) certification.

Evelyn became an Airframe and Powerplant rated aviation mechanic and went on to achieve Inspector Authorization and Designated Maintenance Examiner status. In her words, she was a "helicopter mechanic by trade," working for the Honolulu Police and Fire Rescue divisions. She joined the faculty at Honolulu Community College as an Associate Professor of Aviation Maintenance Technology. She worked with many students, helping them achieve their goals. She bought her first plane, a 1969 Cessna 150 and went on to earn private, commercial, and instructor pilot certifications. Additionally, she qualified as one of the only female Reciprocating Flight Engineers in the world, serving as a crew member on a 1951 Douglas DC-6 prop liner used by the Hawaii Oil Spill Response team.

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Evelyn Lockwood Greene Memorial Inspector Authority Scholarship

\$1,000 value

The Evelyn Lockwood Greene Memorial Inspector Authority Scholarship is intended for a woman pursuing a career in aviation maintenance and fabrication who share Evelyn's passion for restoring, maintaining, and flying vintage aircraft. This scholarship will fund the Inspector Authority (IA) certification prep course.

Evelyn became an Airframe and Powerplant rated aviation mechanic and went on to achieve Inspector Authorization and Designated Maintenance Examiner status. In her words, she was a "helicopter mechanic by trade," working for the Honolulu Police and Fire Rescue divisions. She joined the faculty at Honolulu Community College as an Associate Professor of Aviation Maintenance Technology. She worked with many students, helping them achieve their goals. She bought her first plane, a 1969 Cessna 150 and went on to earn Private, Commercial and instructor Pilot certifications. Additionally, she qualified as one of the only female Reciprocating Flight Engineers in the world, serving as a crew member on a 1951 Douglas DC-6 prop liner used by the Hawaii Oil Spill Response team.

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GlennCo Advanced Avionics Training Scholarship

TWO OFFERED – each at \$1,750 value

GlennCo Training offers two scholarships for a three-day Advanced Electrical and Avionic Troubleshooting and Fundamentals class. The primary objective of this class is to teach and instruct the technician to utilize trou-

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bleshooting skills and techniques through reading and interpreting wiring diagrams, electrical schematics, along with the description and operation of the pilot-reported component defect or system fault.

This training course is specifically targeted at providing the Line & Base Maintenance Technician with the troubleshooting skills through instructor-led discussions of pilot-reported defects and faults, with the student performing web-based online troubleshooting utilizing their individual skills.

This training teaches the ability and confidence to perform the skills required in troubleshooting wiring faults to the ultimate goal of the repair, as required in the line maintenance environment. Students are provided with onsite tools and materials necessary to complete individual project work. Visit www.GlennCoTraining.net for more details.

GlennCo Electrical Repair Training Scholarship

TWO OFFERED – each at \$2,500 value

GlennCo Training offers two scholarships for a three-day Level 1 Aircraft Electrical Repair & Troubleshooting Class. This class provides entry level technician with the knowledge and comprehension to comply with the standard wiring practices and procedures, as well as the competence and confidence to perform the skills required in troubleshooting of wiring faults to the ultimate goal of the repair as required in the line maintenance environment.

This three-day curriculum is specifically targeted to provide the Line & Base Maintenance Technician with the troubleshooting skills that strengthen on-time performance through instructor led and practical training. Students are provided with onsite tools and materials necessary to complete individual project work. Visit www.GlennCoTraining.net for more details.

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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 Scholarship

\$2,500 value

This scholarship provides \$2,500 to applicants who are training to become aviation maintenance technician. 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 certificate prior to January 1, 2027, are ineligible to apply for this award.



FOR GENERAL CAREER ADVANCEMENTS

The Astronaut Al Worden Endeavour Scholarship

THREE OFFERED – \$5,000 value

The Endeavour Scholarship is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit offering STEAM-minded students and teachers an incredible opportunity: an all-expenses-paid, 10-day journey to Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, in summer 2027. Eight teams of four students and one teacher will be selected to represent their home countries in

a unique experience focused on leadership, innovation, and international collaboration; design a mission patch, meet astronauts and aerospace leaders, and build lifelong friendships with peers from around the world! Submit a 3-minute video explaining what this opportunity and a future in STEAM means to you and your community. Teachers should also share how they will use this experience to inspire students and expand STEAM learning. Finalists will be invited to interview for a place in the Endeavour Class of 2027. Apply now and take your next giant leap. Ad Astra!

Capt. Sandy Anderson Memorial Scholarship for Professional Development

\$500 value

Founding WAI Board member Capt. Sandy Anderson was instrumental in the development of both the WAI Endowment Fund and the WAI Scholarship program with the first major airline training scholarship.

This memorial scholarship will fund a WAI member working in any aspect of aviation or aerospace, from manufacturing to line operations, airport operations, aviation maintenance, ATC, or engineering, helping them to achieve a certificate or degree that amplifies their ability to move up into management positions in aviation and aerospace.

Applicants need to prove qualifications for their professional development program (resulting in a certificate or degree). Applicants should be working in aviation or aerospace and looking to advance to management positions and provide proof that the program they are applying to will help them advance their careers.

Carol M. SaNogueira WAI Connecticut Chapter Aviation Scholarship

\$1,000 value

Carol 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.

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 (any phase); aircraft scheduling or dispatch; aviation management; aviation maintenance or avionics. Preference is given to local 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 WAI Washington State Chapter 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 an individual, 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.

Applicant must be a current WAI member (or in this case, a chapter in good standing) and include a 500-word essay on why they deserve to be considered for this award, and two letters of recommendation.

MzeroA Gold Lifetime Membership Scholarship

\$2,995 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 sport, private, instrument, commercial, certified flight instructor, fundamentals of instruction, and remote pilot 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.



American Airlines 2026 Scholarship Recipients



(L to R) Kierstyn Pierce, Nerissa Zobell

Yukiko Howell Memorial Scholarship

\$1,500 value

The WAI Washington State Chapter 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.

S.T.E.M. careers include science, engineering, air traffic controller, avionics technician, dispatch certification, aircraft mechanic, meteorologist, educator for S.T.E.M. Applicants must be pursuing higher education toward a S.T.E.M. career or continuing education S.T.E.M. classes, be enrolled in an accredited institution (includes 2- and 4-year colleges, technical institutes, certificate programs), and have experience volunteering in S.T.E.M. or aviation-related events and/or WAI activities in the previous year.



FOR AVIATION MANAGEMENT

Jerry Holland Legacy Scholarship

\$5,000 value

The Jerry Holland Legacy Scholarship was established to honor the life, leadership, and enduring impact of aviation entrepreneur Jerry Holland, founder of Sheltair Aviation.

This \$5,000 scholarship supports women pursuing careers in business aviation management and leadership, including fields such as FBO operations, aviation marketing, airport administration, customer experience, aviation business development, and related aviation business disciplines.

The scholarship seeks applicants who demonstrate leadership potential, integrity, service to others, and a passion for strengthening the future of aviation through relationship-driven leadership and operational excellence.

Inspired by the values that shaped Jerry Holland's legacy—Family First. Fuel. Build. Serve.—this scholarship aims to empower the next generation of women leaders in aviation.

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Republic Airways Aviation Management Scholarship

\$5,000 value

Republic Airways will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a female applicant pursuing a degree in aviation management, dispatch, or similar fields.

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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 scholarships to a qualified member of Women in Aviation. 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.

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 WAI member and is pursuing her dream in the world of aviation. The \$5000 scholarship can be used toward an instrument or multi-engine rating, commercial or CFI certificate. Funds will be paid directly to your flight school, and training must be completed within one year.

Frontier Airlines Flight Training Scholarship

\$5,000 value

Frontier Airlines will award a \$5,000 scholarship to 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 2027

\$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 WAI2027 Conference, and the winner will be notified after the conference.

LIFT Academy Pilot 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.

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 and Allegiant Air "Fly in a New Direction" Scholarship

\$5,000 value

Sun Country Airlines and Allegiant Air 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

TBD 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 toward 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

TBD value

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 toward 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 CFI'S

The ISA+21 Francesca Norris Memorial Scholarship 2027

TWO OFFERED – each at \$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 donates 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.

The 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's for life.

FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Bonita Jean Olson Memorial

\$3,000 value



Bonnie always wanted to extend the opportunities for women in aviation following her career as an educator and an active aviation volunteer. 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.

FLI Scholarship (USU Female Leadership & Impact)

\$10,000 value

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. Women aviators possess a wealth of knowledge, talent, and discipline—an invaluable yet largely untapped contribution waiting to be fully realized. 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.

Harold Earl Paige Memorial Scholarship

\$2,342 value

J. Elliot Marketing of San Luis Obispo County, California offers a \$2,342 academic scholarship for community college students in loving memory of Harold Earl Paige. For a man who never thought he'd lived past 30, let alone 40, he lived a fun, full life of 83 years (mostly on his own terms). Though he endured many obstacles along his path, he was steadfast in achieving whatever he set his mind to. As a statistics professor at community college in Chicago, a STEM tutor to elementary students in Illinois, and a certified flight instructor, he helped hundreds along the path to their dreams. This scholarship serves to keep his spirit alive, as well as inspire others to share their passions with the world and find ways to pay it forward. Preference will be given to candidates who have volunteered in aviation and/or STEM-related activities.

Russ Cotney and Lauren Cotney 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. Must be a United States citizen. Preference will be given to veterans, current service members, or daughters of veterans or current service members. To be considered, candidates must submit academic transcripts demonstrating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale); two letters of recommendation from faculty members, flight instructors, or pilots who have flown with the applicant; and an essay describing goals, achievements, honors, community involvement, and leadership skills.

FOR DRONE PILOTS

Amazon Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Training Scholarship

\$2,500 value

Amazon is proud to offer the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Training Scholarship to a remarkable woman enrolled in UAS 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.



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FOR HELICOPTER

Vertical Aviation / WAI Commercial Helicopter Pilot Rating Scholarships

\$2,500 value

This scholarship provides \$2,500 to applicants who want to attain their commercial helicopter ratings. Applicants must already have their private pilot 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 their commercial helicopter pilot rating after January 1, 2027 (if you receive your rating before this date, you are not eligible to apply).



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. The recipient will be chosen based on merit, including previous accomplishments, ability to set and achieve goals, involvement in general aviation, and commitment to completing flight training. 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. Funds will be paid directly to the recipient and must be used within one year of the award.

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 or 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).

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, 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 WASP. 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 recreational, sport, or private pilot certificate flight training scholarship to a WAI chapter member who works with youth to help them pursue their aviation dreams. 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 recipient's flight school for disbursement. 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.

2027 Wings for Val Foundation Lt. Cmdr. Lyndsay Evans Memorial Scholarship

\$10,000 value

The Wings for Val Foundation (WingsforVal.org) proudly honors the life and legacy of Lt. Cmdr. Lyndsay Evans (August 21, 1993–October 15, 2024), a Naval aviator whose leadership, discipline, and pursuit of excellence set her apart. Lyndsay represented a generation of aviators who did not wait for opportunity—they created it. She led from the front, held herself to the highest standards, and earned the respect of those around her through consistency, strength, and integrity.

This scholarship honors a leader who set the high bar—and met it. Lyndsay Evans did not rely on intention alone. She showed up prepared, took responsibility, and delivered. Her legacy is one of action, accountability, and quiet confidence earned through hard work. This award seeks to recognize a woman who reflects that same standard—someone who is already putting in the work, who understands what it takes to succeed in aviation, and who will continue to raise the bar for herself and others. The goal is not simply to support a pilot in training, but to invest in someone

who will lead, by example, in the next generation of aviation.

2027 Wings for Val Foundation Lt. Valerie Cappelaere Delaney Memorial Scholarship

\$10,000 value



The Wings for Val Foundation, (WingsforVal.org) honors the life and legacy of Navy Lt. Valerie "Val" Delaney (May 14, 1986–March 11, 2013), a Navy pilot whose courage, character, and passion for flight continue to inspire those who follow in her path.

Through this award, the Wings for Val Foundation seeks to support a pilot in training who will carry forward Val's legacy with purpose, integrity, and determination—someone who will not only take flight but help shape the future of aviation. This award is not just a financial investment—it is a recognition of potential. It is intended for an individual who reflects Val's determination, resilience, and commitment to something greater than herself. The recipient will represent a legacy of leadership, service, and courage within the aviation community.

Women Military Aviators Dream of Flight Scholarship

TWO OFFERED – at \$3,000 each

U.S. SCHOOLS ONLY



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.

Applicants must write about their demonstrated persistence and determination to flight.

State ability to complete training at an accredited institution or FAA Part 141 or Part 61 flight school within one year of scholarship award. Identify the school, college, university, Part 141 or Part 61 flight school where training will be completed. Specifically address the program and/or ratings being sought. Address your interest and/or participation in military aviation. Address your financial need.



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2026 Alaska Airlines, Hawaiian Airlines, Horizon Air Pilot Scholarship