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Message from WAI

The [November 12 deadline](#) to apply for up to three scholarships is near. Scholarship awards are a major benefit of WAI membership and will help you reach your goals and advance into the aviation and aerospace career you have dreamed about.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, there are [numerous scholarships](#) to select from in aerospace engineering, aviation maintenance, aviation management, corporate aviation, dispatcher, drones, flight training, and space. In 2019, WAI will award more than 120 different scholarships totaling \$770,000.

Newly added!

- [Southwest Airlines First Officer Experience Scholarship \(8 valued at \\$15,000 each\)](#)
- [WAI Space Engineering Scholarship \(Scholarship value \\$11,300\)](#)
- [WAI Space Flight Scholarship \(Scholarship value \\$11,300\)](#)
- [WAI Air Traffic Control Scholarship \(Scholarship value \\$3,800\)](#)
- [WAI Entrepreneur Private Pilot Scholarship \(Scholarship value \\$6,300\)](#)



Faith Lorenz was the 2018 recipient of the Tools for Aircraft Maintenance (TAM) Snap-On Industrial.



Sarina Houston was the 2018 winner of The Martha King Scholarship for Women Flight Instructors.

Contact [Scholarship Coordinator Donna Wallace](#) with questions. [Read 10 tips](#) for a winning scholarship application.



Support the organization that supports you!

Show your membership pride for Women in Aviation International by donating to this year's [annual fund](#) to assure our important programs are well-funded.

With a \$25 (minimum) donation, you'll receive a unique #IamWAI backpack. For a donation of \$75 or greater, WAI will send you a Sophia Jewelry and Cosmetic Case with the WAI logo.

WAI is close to reaching the \$1 million level in WAI's Endowment Fund which is used for scholarships and educational programs. This is the year to make a special gift to help boost us toward our goal and guarantee scholarships for deserving women for decades to come.



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Cheers to 30 years in Long Beach, California

You can [register online](#) for next year's [30th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference, March 14-16, 2019](#).

The [2019 Conference Brochure](#) provides details on the schedule of events, inspiring speakers, professional development seminars, and tours in the Southern California area.

Check the [WAI Long Beach Trip Planner](#) for destination discounts and travel trips.

Show your company's support of WAI's mission to promote more women in aviation through various exhibit and sponsor opportunities listed in the [2019 Exhibitor and Sponsor Prospectus](#).

Select your Long Beach conference hotel and see a walking map of area locations [here](#).

[Register for WAI2019](#)

[Book Your Long Beach Hotel](#)

Keynote Speakers



Nagin Cox

Nagin Cox has been exploring space since she decided as a teenager that she wanted to work at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She is currently an engineer with the Mars program.



Christine Darden

Dr. Christine Darden is an internationally recognized authority in the field of sonic-boom minimization.



Ellen Stofan

Dr. Ellen Stofan has joined the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum as the first female director and will lead a major revitalization for future generations.



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Member News

Congratulations to Susan Bell, WAI 69714, for winning the [National Sportsman Aerobatic Championship](#) at U.S. Nationals held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and organized by the International Aerobatic Club, a division of EAA. It was Susan's first time flying Nationals, and she was the first-time recipient of the Giles Henderson Trophy awarded to the winner of the Sportsman category.

[NBAA's Merituous Service to Aviation Award](#) was presented to the [Women Airforce Service Pilots \(WASP\)](#) during NBAA-BACE in Orlando, Florida, on October 17. Erin Miller, WAI 70869 and granddaughter of WASP Elaine Harmon, escorted three trailblazing WASP to the award event.

Capt. Louise Pole, WAI 81469 and a QantasLink Q400 pilot, has been named [the first female president of the Australian Federation of Air Pilots \(AFAP\)](#) in its 80-year history.



Susan Bell, WAI 69714, with her pink, blue, and white Extra 300 aircraft



(L to R) Erin Miller, NBAA president and CEO Ed Bolen, WASP Shirley Chase Kruse, Bee Haydu, Kay Hillbrandt, and NBAA director-educational development & strategy Jo Damato, WAI 6829



Capt. Louise Pole is appointed president of the Australian Federation of Air Pilots.

Girls IN AVIATION DAY

A Women in Aviation International® Event

Girls in Aviation Day 2018 is a Huge Success

On October 13, 2018, 105 chapters and corporate members held 99 separate [Girls in Aviation Day events](#) including nine international chapters, 25 corporate member events, and 23 collegiate chapters.

International events were held in 15 countries including Australia, Botswana, Canada, England, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Netherlands, Nigeria, Spain, United States, and Zambia.

Drawing from the local communities including Girl Scouts, church groups, and outreach to schools, WAI estimates that more than 15,000 girls, ages 8-17, participated in #GIAD18.

The next international Girls in Aviation Day is Saturday, October 5, 2019.

Thanks to the [generous WAI sponsors and partners](#), WAI provided each chapter holding an event with up to 100 free backpacks, Sporty's VFR Sectional Training Charts, Aviation Fun Patches, and [Aviation for Girls](#) magazines.

A special thank you to Bell for a \$15,000 grant and the ISTAT Foundation for a \$12,000 grant. These funds assist with the continued expansion of Girls in Aviation Day around the world.



Look for worldwide coverage of all the events in the January/February 2019 issue of *Aviation for Women*.

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
- *Flying* magazine subscription: annual \$8.00 rate for new subscribers
- *General Aviation News* subscription: free sample issues and 50% off subscription
- King Schools: purchase a professional training course and receive a second course at a 50% discount
- MedJetAssist: reduced annual and multi-year rates
- SmithAmundsen: free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- Travelpro®: exclusive 15% discount on all products
- Vistaprint: discounted business cards
- And much more!

[Learn More about Member Discounts](#)

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 Outreach Director Molly Martin](#) to sign up.

2018

November 12 - [WAI Scholarship Deadline](#)

December 31 - [Donate \\$25 or more to the WAI Annual Fund for 2018](#)

2019

January 29-February 1 - [*NBAA Schedulers & Dispatchers Conference](#), San Antonio, Texas

February 8 - [NGPA Industry Expo](#), Palm Springs, California

March 14-16 - [*30th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#), Long Beach, California

*"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment
rarely sat back and let things happen to them.
They went out and happened to things."
--Elinor Smith*

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