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## Message from WAI

WAI members are encouraged to start applying for the 2021 scholarships [now online](#) with more added weekly. Currently, there are 56 scholarships offered for flight training, engineering, maintenance, dispatcher, and professional development for individuals in all stages of life.

Learn how to submit a winning application, review all the requirements, and watch videos of past scholarship winners at [WAI.org/scholarships](http://WAI.org/scholarships).

Did you know that WAI members can apply for up to three scholarships each year? Applications are due November 10, 2020, and your membership must be current through March 2021.

In 2020, WAI awarded 151 scholarships valued at \$531,365 bringing the total scholarships awarded since 1995 to more than \$13.2 million.



American Airlines \$5K Educational Scholarship winners (l to r) Shelley Thomas, Llyona Lallement, and Bereket Abera. Photos by John Riedel.



Republic Airlines Opportunity Elevated Scholarship winner, Lacey Needham

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## Vernice 'FlyGirl' Armour To Ignite WAI Oshkosh Virtual Connect Breakfast

Despite the canceled #OSH20, WAI is dedicated to kicking off WomenVenture at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh with our Virtual Connect Breakfast on **Wednesday, July 22, at 9 a.m. EDT** featuring an interactive 60-minute session with [Vernice 'FlyGirl' Armour](#). America's first African American female combat pilot, FlyGirl is the author of *Zero to Breakthrough*, and was a dynamic keynote speaker at WAI2017 in Orlando, Florida.

Learn how to execute any plan by harnessing FlyGirl's "Breakthrough Mentality" mindset. This event is free thanks to our sponsors Avemco and United Airlines. More details to come at [WAI.org](http://WAI.org).



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## Deadline Extended for Education Session

### Speakers

WAI is looking for engaging and insightful presenters for our 32nd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, March 11-13, 2021, at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada. Our #WAI21 education sessions are a unique opportunity to share your expertise with the WAI community.

We welcome interactive presentations that engage the audience. Simply complete the [Education Session Proposal Form](#) and submit by July 17, 2020. Topic categories include career, flying, history, innovation, maintenance/tech ops, military, and personal development.



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*Education sessions at WAI2021 will be one hour long including time for questions and answers.*

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## Nominations due for Pioneer Hall of Fame by August 1, 2020

Submit the [official nomination form](#) for the [2021 WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#) to recognize female candidates or organizations that have made significant contributions to the aviation industry as record-setters, trailblazers, or innovators. Posthumous nominations are acceptable. Special consideration will be given to individuals who have helped other women become successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity.

The induction ceremony will be held Saturday, March 13, 2021, at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center during WAI2021 in Reno, Nevada.



*Maj. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt was inducted into the 2020 Pioneer Hall of Fame.*

## Experience #GIAD20 Virtually!

All the fun and excitement of [WAI's Annual Girls in Aviation Day](#) will be delivered virtually on **September 26, 2020**, to thousands of girls around the world through [WAI's exclusive Aviation for Girls app](#).

Owing to the pandemic and social distancing, WAI is encouraging safe and healthy practices while providing an array of engaging, fun, and educational content. Sessions featuring career panel videos, hands-on activities, social media posts, how-to webinars, plus GIAD merchandise kits including backpacks, *Aviation for Girls 2020*, Aviation Fun Patch, and more, will be included in the Aviation for Girls app. Thanks to the United States Air Force, the Sole Lead Partner for the Aviation for Girls app, all these resources will continue to inspire and engage our future leaders of our industry for FREE and YEAR-ROUND.

We are grateful to our generous partners for making Girls in Aviation Day 2020 possible! Thank you to Ultimate Partner **United States Air Force**; Premier Partners, **Amazon**, the **ISTAT Foundation**, **Piedmont Airlines**, **PPG Foundation**, **Sporty's Pilot Shop**, **Viasat**; Signature Partners, **ALPA**, **Pratt & Whitney**, **Princess Cruises**, **SkyWest Airlines**, the **Kroger Company**; Supporting Partner, **United Airlines**; and Contributing Partners, **ASA**, **Baylor Institute for Air Science**, **Flight Outfitters**, **Hartzell Propeller**, and **Wings Financial Credit Union**.



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### 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
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- **General Aviation News subscription:** free sample issues and 50% off subscription
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- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products

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*"The air is the only place free from prejudice."*

*—Bessie Coleman*

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