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### Message from WAI

A major benefit of WAI membership is the opportunity to apply every year for scholarships. The 2021 growing list of scholarships are [now online](#) with more added weekly. Currently, there are 72 scholarships offered for flight training, drone instruction, 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.



*Blackburn Northwest Flight Scholarship 2020 winners (l to r) London Holmes, Sophia Hale, Lauren Dowdell, and Brittany Phillippe.*



*Women Military Aviators Dream of Flight Scholarship 2020 winners (l to r) WMA's Peggy Phillips, Nicole Zinger, Kristina Votaw, and Charlie Poirson, WMA president.  
Photos by John Riedel*

[Apply for 2021 scholarships!](#)

[NEW! Aerospace & Defense MBA program scholarships](#)



## Vernice 'FlyGirl' Armour Ignited Thousands at WAI Oshkosh Virtual Connect Breakfast

Despite #OSH20 being canceled last month, WAI moved its annual breakfast at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh to a [virtual event featuring Vernice 'FlyGirl' Armour](#) who shared her compelling story and inspiration as America's first African American female combat pilot. Her [hour-long live session](#) engaged WAI members and friends around the world with live Q&As from FlyGirl.

Don't worry if you missed the July 22 virtual event! You can view the recording on the WAI YouTube channel [here](#), and learn how to execute her "breakthrough mentality" mindset.

Special thanks to sponsors Avemco and United Airlines.



Learn about Vernice 'FlyGirl' Armour's #StayGutsy tips at [www.vernicearmour.com](http://www.vernicearmour.com).

Join a strong **community** of **pilots, builders, and dreamers.**



## Nominations due TODAY for 2021 Pioneer Hall of Fame


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.



*Lt. Col. Linda Horan DuMoulin was one of the U.S. Army First Women Rotary Wing Aviators recognized at the 2020 Pioneer Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Orlando, Florida.*

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## Registration for Virtual GIAD20 Coming Soon!

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 very 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, ISTAT Foundation, Piedmont Airlines, PPG Foundation, Sporty's Pilot Shop, Viasat; [Signature Partners](#), ALPA, NATCA, Pratt & Whitney, Princess Cruises, SkyWest Airlines, The Kroger Company; [Supporting Partners](#), SpaceX, United Airlines; and [Contributing Partners](#), ASA, Baylor Institute for Air Science, Bose Aviation, Commemorative Air Force, Emanuel Bachman Foundation, Flight Outfitters, Hartzell Propeller, Redbird Flight Simulations, UPS, Wings Financial Credit Union.

WOMEN IN AVIATION INTERNATIONAL HOSTS THE 6TH ANNUAL GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020.  
**FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!**



*Experience a virtual Girls in Aviation Day on Saturday, September 26, 2020!*

Learn more at [WAI.org/giad](http://WAI.org/giad)



*Girls, ages 8-17, are encouraged to learn more about aviation and aerospace opportunities through the free and year-round new Aviation for Girls app, hosted by WAI and available on Saturday, September 26, 2020.*

## 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:** free package of 5 King courses focused on Risk Management and 20% discount on all King Schools course
- **MedJetAssist:** reduced annual and multi-year rates
- **SmithAmundsen:** free 30-minute consultation on legal services
- **Travelpro®:** exclusive 20% discount on all products

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*"If you don't face your fears, the only thing  
you'll ever see is what's in your comfort zone."  
—Anne McClain, NASA astronaut*

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