



# WAI Connect

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## It's Scholarship Time!

The 2022 WAI scholarship program officially opens today. Members are encouraged to visit [www.WAI.org/scholarships](http://www.WAI.org/scholarships) and review dozens of scholarships that fit your aviation interests.

Currently there are 98 scholarships totaling \$479,505 offered for flight training, engineering, maintenance, dispatcher, drones, and professional development for individuals in all stages of life.

Applicants are encouraged to check for new scholarships often and may apply for up to three scholarships per year. In order to qualify for a scholarship, the applicant must be a WAI member as of October 1, 2021. The deadline for 2022 applications is Tuesday, October 12, 2021.



*Nobi Buntin, Hawaii, WAI 71423, 2021 flyGIRL Sport Scholarship winner*

In 2021, WAI awarded 149 scholarships valued at \$731,805. This total includes 47 scholarships awarded through a \$250,000 Conrad N. Hilton Foundation grant. The total amount of scholarships awarded by WAI since 1995 is more than \$14.5 million.

The 2022 scholarships will be awarded during the [33rd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference](#) in Nashville, Tennessee, from March 17-19, 2022.



*Wanjiku Kanjumba, Florida, WAI 87514, 2021 Boeing Company Career Enhancement Scholarship recipient*

## WAI 2022 Scholarships

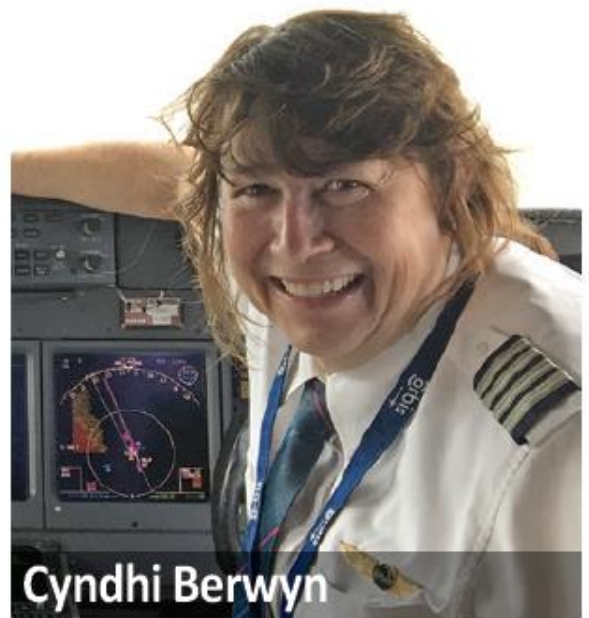
A blue banner with white and yellow text. On the left, the text "A departure from ordinary banking" is written in a yellow, sans-serif font, with a white dashed line curving around the words "ordinary banking". To the right of this text is a white silhouette of an airplane in flight. Further right is a yellow box with the text "JOIN TODAY!" in blue. Below this box, in smaller white text, it says "Federally insured by NCUA.". On the far right is the logo for "Wings Financial Credit Union", featuring the word "Wings" in a large, white, serif font, with "FINANCIAL" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it, and "CREDIT UNION" in a white, sans-serif font at the bottom. A white arrow points to the right from the end of the "Wings" text.

## Reserve Your Seat at WAI Connect Breakfast during #OSH21

Returning to an in-person EAA AirVenture Oshkosh on July 26-August 1, 2021, EAA will continue its WomenVenture day on Wednesday, July 28.

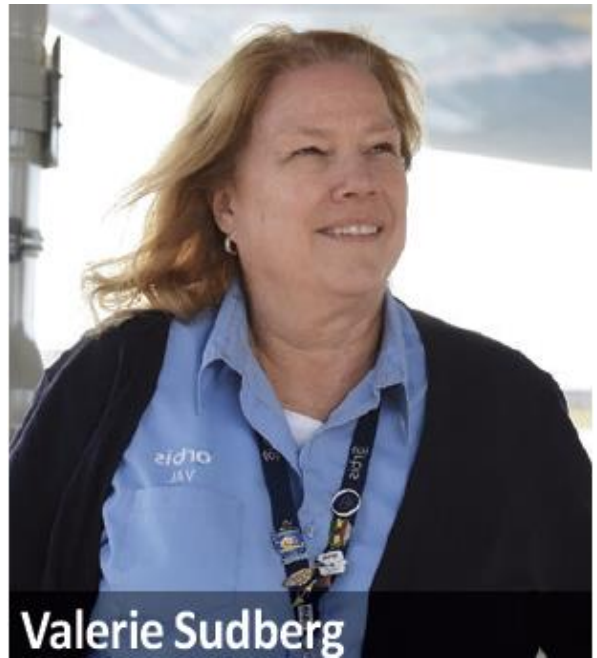
As the usual tradition, Women in Aviation International will kick-off the day's event with the WAI Connect Breakfast at 8 a.m., generously sponsored by Avemco and United Airlines.

The breakfast, featuring [Orbis MD-10 Flying Eye Hospital](#) pilot Cyndhi Berwyn and mechanic Valerie Sudberg, will be held at the Paul H. Poberezny Center (PHP Tent) located just outside the admission gate.



Advance tickets can be [purchased online](#) for \$17 until July 23. Early registration is strongly encouraged to reserve your seat! This will be a sold out event!

Enjoy visiting with old and new friends during our Connect Breakfast, and stop by the WAI booth Hangar B-2041 to meet members of the WAI team during #OSH21!



**Valerie Sudberg**

Meet Cyndhi Berwyn and Valerie Sudberg of the Flying Eye Hospital at WAI Connect Breakfast.

[Buy WAI Connect Breakfast Tickets](#)



### Time to Plan Girls in Aviation Day 2021 Events!

Is your chapter planning an event for the 7th Annual Girls in Aviation Day on September, 25, 2021? Are you a WAI Corporate Member and want to learn how to participate or host a #GIAD21 program?

WAI can help with GIAD resources, activities, and tools.

Visit [www.WAI.org/chapters/resources](http://www.WAI.org/chapters/resources).

Interested in becoming a GIAD21 partner? [Contact Jennifer Thomas](#). Funds are used for the distribution, including associated shipping and handling costs, of the 2021 merchandise kit for each participant around the world.



Order the new 2021 Girls in Aviation Day merchandise kit online at [WAI-Store.org](http://WAI-Store.org)!

Show your support of the next generation of female aviators by [advertising in the 2021 issue of \*Aviation for Girls\* magazine](#). [Contact Kelly Murphy](#) regarding ad opportunities.

Learn about the content available on the Aviation for Girls App, and how to download and access at [www.WAI.org/giad](http://www.WAI.org/giad).

[Find a Chapter Near You](#)

**Many thanks for our 2021 Girls in Aviation Day partners, without whom this incredible program would not be possible.** PREMIER - United Airlines; CONTRIBUTING - Envoy Air, ISTAT Foundation, PPG Foundation, Pratt & Whitney, Sporty's Pilot Shop; SUPPORTING - ALPA, Amazon, CAE, FedEx, GE Aviation, NATCA, NetJets/NJASAP, Solairus Aviation, Textron Aviation, The Kroger Company; ADDITIONAL PARTNERS - Air Transport Services Group (ATSG), American Express, Aviation Suppliers & Academics (ASA), Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines, Emanuel Bachmann Foundation, Hartzell Propeller, JCL Aviation Services, JJR Solutions, Scorpius Imagery Inc., Wings Financial



**Passion. Aviation. Fellowship.**  
Wednesday, July 28, 2021  
Presented by:  BOEING  
EAA Women Venture  
[Register Now](#)

## WAI2022 Hotel Rooms Now Open for Reservations

Start planning for our 33rd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference next year in Nashville, Tennessee! [Rooms are now available for booking at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center](#) with rates starting at \$195 per night available through February 8, 2022, or until sold out. All conference events will take place onsite at the Gaylord Resort.

On-site parking fee: \$32 daily, valet parking fee: \$40 daily. Shuttles from Nashville International Airport (BNA) to the Gaylord Opryland Resort will be available on limited days/hours pending COVID-19 restrictions. Check back closer to the event date to schedule transportation.



[Book Your Hotel Room](#)





## Last Call for WAI2022 Education Session Proposals

WAI members and friends further their dreams and goals by attending a variety of [education sessions](#) at the annual conference. Share your knowledge and talents at next year's annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee, March 17-19, 2022. Additional proposals still needed for the following topics: Innovation, Maintenance/Tech Ops, and Military.

Complete the [Education Session Submission Form](#), attach an outline of your presentation and three learning objectives, and submit by **EXTENDED DEADLINE FRIDAY, July 9, 2021**, to [presenters@wai.org](mailto:presenters@wai.org).



Dozens of [education sessions](#) are presented at the annual WAI conference to help attendees follow their interests.

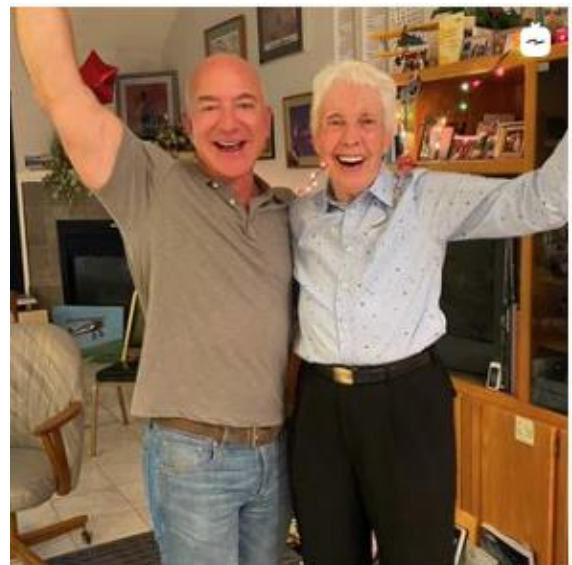
[Education Session Submission Form for WAI2022](#)

## Member News

Wally Funk, Lifetime member 26, will fly to space July 20 on New Shepard's first human flight. Fulfilling a lifelong mission to become an astronaut, Wally will be an honored guest joining Jeff Bezos, his brother Mark Bezos, and an auction winner.

Wally is the first female FAA inspector and first female NTSB air safety investigator. At 82 years old, Wally will be part of the first crew on New Shepard, and the oldest person ever to fly to space.

Here's the moment Jeff Bezos asked Wally to join Blue Origin's first human flight on July 20. <https://bit.ly/3h9JNHu>



Jeff Bezos visited Wally at her home to give her the news in person!

# Airline Career Pilot Program

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## Industry News

Congratulations to all the participants of this year's Air Race Derby! Each participating team chose their now five-leg, one-day route. [Watch the Facebook Live presentation.](#)



## Time To Submit Your Nomination For 2022 Pioneer Hall of Fame

Do you know an individual who has helped other women be successful in aviation or opened doors of opportunity for other women? WAI solicits nominations from members of women throughout the aviation/aerospace industry for induction into the [WAI Pioneer Hall of Fame](#).

Submit your potential candidate for the 2022 Pioneer Hall of Fame induction celebration by the **August 1, 2021**, deadline to [Hope Moore](#) using [this online form](#).

Since 1992, WAI has honored hundreds of women who have made significant contributions to our industry as record setters, trailblazers, or innovators.



[2022 Pioneer Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)



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\$40

**Aviation Duffel**  
\$60

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

### 2021

**July 28** - WAI Connect Breakfast at EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh July 26-August 1 [www.EAA.org](http://www.EAA.org)

**August 27** - AOPA Aviator Showcase, Manassas Regional Airport (HEF), Manassas, Virginia [www.AOPA.org](http://www.AOPA.org)

**September 25** - 7th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day [www.WAI.org/giad](http://www.WAI.org/giad)

**October 1** - AOPA Aviator Showcase, Fort Worth Alliance Airport (AFW), Fort Worth, Texas [www.AOPA.org](http://www.AOPA.org)

**October 12-14** - NBAA-BACE, Las Vegas, Nevada [www.NBAA.org](http://www.NBAA.org)

**October 29** - Aviation Education & Career Expo, ProJet Aviation at Leesburg Executive Airport (KJYO), Leesburg, Virginia [www.ProJetAviation.com](http://www.ProJetAviation.com)

### 2022

**March 17-19** - 33rd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, Tennessee [www.WAI.org/22conference](http://www.WAI.org/22conference)

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## 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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*"You will never speak to anyone more than you speak to yourself in your head.  
Be kind to yourself. Be your own supporter."  
-Maria Shriver*

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