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## September 2021

### Countdown To Girls in Aviation Day 2021!

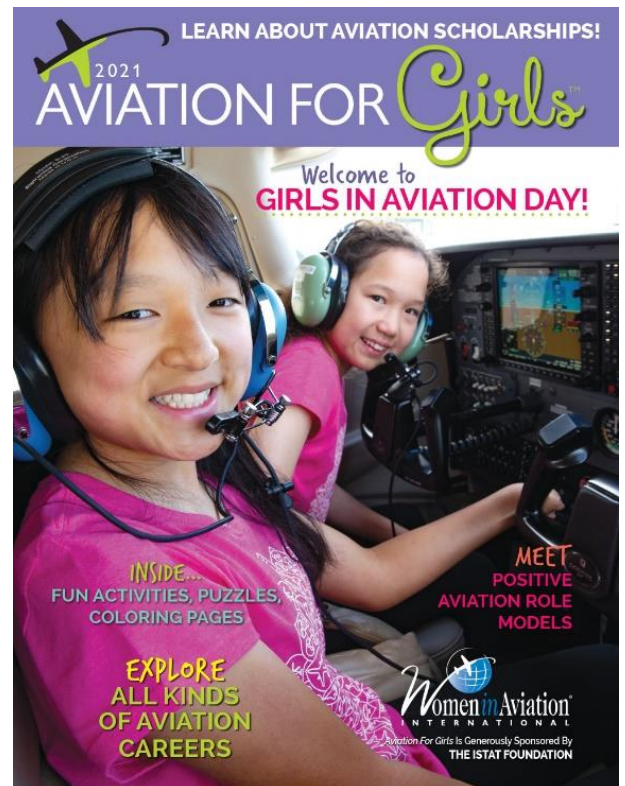
Is your chapter planning an event for the 7th Annual Girls in Aviation Day on September, 25, 2021? Are you a WAI Corporate Member and want to learn how to participate or host a #GIAD21 program? It's not too late to make a plan and organize an event!

Corporate Members, tell us about your event [here](#).

Chapters, tell us about your event [here](#).

WAI can assist with GIAD activities, resources, and an event planning guide. Visit [www.WAI.org/chapters/resources](http://www.WAI.org/chapters/resources).

Submit your online order TODAY for the new 2021 Girls in Aviation Day merchandise kit to ensure your event host receives in time for your event. Be sure to [setup your GIAD Merchandise Account](#). Send it to Lexi Milton at HF Custom Solutions [lexi@hfcustomsolutions.com](mailto:lexi@hfcustomsolutions.com), then head over to the [WAI-Store.org](http://WAI-Store.org) to place your order as an Event Host.



[2021 Aviation for Girls issue is now available!](#)

Download the updated [Aviation for Girls App](#) for hours of virtual content including videos on aviation careers, virtual tours, hands-on activities, book readings and more--featuring an array of positive female role models and educational content.

Did you know that girls who don't have access to an in-person event can order a free GIAD kit at the [WAI-Store.org](#)? Check it out!

Questions? Contact Molly Martin at [mmartin@wai.org](mailto:mmartin@wai.org).

[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.



*Spark that aviation interest with youngsters all around the world at #GIAD21!*



*Learn about the content available on the Aviation for Girls App, and how to download and access at [WWW.WAI.org/aviation-girls-2021-app](http://WWW.WAI.org/aviation-girls-2021-app).*

[Find a #GIAD21 Event Near You](#)

[Watch the Girls in Aviation Day 2021 Promo Video](#)

**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, Leidos, PPG Foundation, Pratt & Whitney, Sporty's Pilot Shop; SUPPORTING - Air Wisconsin Airlines, ALPA, Amazon, CAE, Cirrus Aircraft, FedEx Express, Frontier Airlines, GE Aviation, Hewlett Packard Enterprise Aviation, Lycoming Engines, NATCA, Netflix Inc., NetJets/NJASAP, SkyWest Airlines, Solairus Aviation, SpaceX, Textron Aviation, The Kroger Company, Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, Viasat; ADDITIONAL PARTNERS - Air Transport Services Group (ATSG), American Express, Aviation Suppliers & Academics (ASA), Baylor Institute for Air Science, Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines, Emanuel Bachmann Foundation, Hartzell Propeller, JCL Aviation Services, JJR Solutions, Scorpius Imagery Inc., Spirit Airlines, Utah Valley University School of Aviation Sciences, Wings Financial



## 2022 WAI Scholarship Applications Due October 12, 2021

The 2022 WAI scholarship program is live and taking applications. Members are encouraged to visit [www.WAI.org/scholarships](http://www.WAI.org/scholarships) and review dozens of scholarships that fit your aviation and aerospace interests.

Currently there are 100 scholarships totaling \$485,505 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.



*Tessa H. Naran, United Kingdom, WAI 99103, Spring 2021  
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation International Chapter  
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.

Scholarships change lives! Take this unique opportunity to chart a new course for yourself.



*Jade Nguyen, California, WAI 99494, Spring 2021 Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Aircraft Maintenance Technician Scholarship*

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## Registration for WAI2022 in Nashville Opens Soon!

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.

Online attendee and exhibitor registration will open this month at [www.WAI.org/22conference](http://www.WAI.org/22conference). There's no better place to be inspired, share your enthusiasm, and connect with others who share your passion for the aviation industry.

WAI is headed to Nashville, Tennessee, and we want you to join us for WAI2022!

The 33rd Annual International Women in Aviation Conference will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, March 17-19, 2022 in Nashville, Tennessee. Come experience the energy and excitement of Music City at Gaylord Opryland as you network with aviation industry professionals and continue your career development at education sessions, professional development seminars, and industry briefings. Save the date for next year's three-day gathering for more mentoring and fun!

Book your room now at [www.WAI.org/conference-hotel-2022](http://www.WAI.org/conference-hotel-2022).  
Registration coming soon at [www.WAI.org/22conference](http://www.WAI.org/22conference).

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WAI.org/22conference

WAI looks forward to our annual three-day gathering to connect, engage, and inspire with our valued members at #WAI22!

[Book Your Hotel Room](#)

[Watch the Nashville Promo Video](#)

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



## Industry News

### Latinas in Aviation Global Festival Set for October 2, 2021, in College Park, Maryland

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation's College Park Aviation Museum and Airport in Maryland will host Latinas in Aviation Global Festival 2021 during a day-long event next month on October 2.

Pilots featured in *Latinas in Aviation* by WAI member Jacqueline Ruiz will fly into the College Park Airport and share their unique experiences and passion for aviation.

[Register for this hybrid event here.](#)

[Download Spanish Flyer.](#)

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# Gear Up for Summer

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your membership pride!

**Heathered  
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**Aviation Duffel**  
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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

**September 17-19** - NGPA Cape Cod Classic, Provincetown, Massachusetts [www.NGPA.org](http://www.NGPA.org)

**September 25** - 7th Annual International Girls in Aviation Day [www.WAI.org/girls-aviation-day-2021](http://www.WAI.org/girls-aviation-day-2021)

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

**October 1** - WAI Chapters - you can complete your 990N EZ form with the IRS now! It only takes a few moments...[why not do it now, here.](#)

**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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*"If you get, give. If you learn, teach."*

*-Maya Angelou*

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