



WAI and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to Launch Free Online Course For Girls Ages 8-17

Self-Paced Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) to inspire the next generation of aviation professionals

March 3, 2020 – In celebration of Women in Aviation International’s expanding Girls in Aviation Day, WAI and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University are pleased to announce a new, self-paced Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) tailored to learners ages 8-17. The free course leverages Embry-Riddle expertise and instructional design to inspire the next generation of aviation professionals.

Students explore aviation terminology, identify the major parts of an airplane, describe the flight characteristics of a helicopter, and discuss the goals of space exploration. There are also engaging activities that take these topics to the next level. Learn how to make a paper helicopter, test your knowledge in the module quizzes, and discover what kind of scientist you could be. Youth who complete the course can earn digital badges and a personalized electronic certificate. The course is offered several times throughout the year, enabling young learners around the globe the opportunity to learn about aviation. [Registration](#) is now open. Enroll today, and discover what a career in aviation entails.

“Partnering with Embry-Riddle, a longtime WAI supporter, on this free online course for youth interested in aviation is another tool to expand our reach of our annual international Girls in Aviation Day all year round,” said Allison McKay, WAI CEO. “Future aviation professionals will be inspired, and we are thrilled to use technology to reach girls in every part of the world and encourage their dreams of pursuing aviation careers.”

“Embry-Riddle supports WAI and strives to inspire the next generation of women in our dynamic industry,” said Dr. Bettina Mrusek, Assistant Professor with the College of Aeronautics. “We believe in the mission of WAI and look forward to a partnership that helps young ladies go further - faster. Aerospace career paths often start with a spark from an air show, a rocket launch, or a role model. We hope this course can be an element that inspires young ladies to join us on an exciting trajectory towards awesome.”

To be eligible for enrollment in this course, learners must be at least 13 years old or must have a parent or guardian sign up for this course on behalf of their child. By enrolling in the course, the parent or guardian agrees to Canvas Network’s Terms of Use and acknowledges the Privacy

Policy, which outlines the use of [Student Data by Canvas Network](#).

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Women in Aviation International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing networking, mentoring, and scholarship opportunities for women and men who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries. For more information, contact WAI at 3647 State Route 503 South, West Alexandria, OH 45381, Tel: (937) 839-4647; or through www.wai.org.

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