



# WAI2025 Scholarships

(As of August 14, 2024)

## WAI2025

**P**ursue your dreams and apply for WAI2025 scholarships! On August 1, the WAI2025 scholarship cycle began with additional listings and application details online at [www.WAI.org/scholarships](http://www.WAI.org/scholarships).

Start reviewing the opportunities to support interests in aerospace engineering, dispatch, flight training, and general career enhancement. Remember, you must be a WAI member by October 1, 2024, to apply for up to three scholarships. Applications are due October 11, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST. Most scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of 2024, and all will be celebrated during the 36th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Denver, Colorado, March 27–29, 2025.

Questions about WAI scholarships? Email Cambria Bilinski, scholarship coordinator, [cbilinski@wai.org](mailto:cbilinski@wai.org).

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## FOR ADVANCED RATING SCHOLARSHIPS

### CAE 2025 Citation Bravo Type Rating Scholarship (\$18,000 value)

CAE will award a scholarship for one Pilot In Command (PIC) type rating from the below program offerings to WAI members. Upon successful completion of the pilot initial training course, the recipient will earn a PIC type rating in the appropriate aircraft program: Cessna Citation Sovereign (CE-680 type designation) – New Jersey, Cessna Citation Bravo or Ultra (CE-500 type designation) – Dallas, Beechcraft King Air 350i (BE-300 type designation) – Dallas.

The scholarship winner must, as a minimum, be a holder of a private pilot certificate (500 hours PIC) with multiengine (100 hours) and instrument (100 hours) ratings. For this scholarship award, instrument skills are key to success. Before the type course, the winner will receive a Jeppesen Review and Cockpit Resource Management (CRM) course (approximately one day in length) to prepare the winner for the type rating course.

With the scholarship you will become a CAE Women In Flight Ambassador. Your role as an ambassador is to inspire the next generation of female pilots. As a CAE Women In Flight Ambassador, you will help women discover a career in aviation. In your day-to-day activities, at events and networking opportunities, we want you to bring your experience to life and spread the word with your network on social media. This is an opportunity to give back, tell your story, share your journey, and inspire others.

### Dare to Dream Scholarship (\$3,000 value)

A \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a WAI member who is working toward an instrument or multi-engine rating, commercial or CFI certificate. Funds will be paid directly to your flight school, and training must be completed within one year. The applicant must have a private pilot certificate, and will be chosen based on merit, career aspirations, and dedication, as well as contributions to her community. One letter of recommendation must be from a pilot who has flown with you. FAA Class 1-3 medicals will still be required and preferred; BasicMed will be considered. One or the other is required.

### ISA+21 Airline Type Rating Scholarship (\$10,000 value)

The International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISA+21) offers scholarships to promote the advancement of women in airline flight decks worldwide. ISA+21 will award one type rating (B737 or A320) valued at \$10,000 to a member of WAI. The successful candidate will train for eight days with Flight Training International (FTI) in Miami, Florida, or Denver, Colorado. Funds will be paid directly to FTI, and training must be completed within 18 months. Finalists will be interviewed at the WAI2025 Conference, and the winner will be notified after conference.

## AEROSPACE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS

### Delta Air Lines Engineering Scholarship (\$5,000 value)

Delta Air Lines will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a student currently enrolled in a baccalaureate degree in aerospace/aeronautical, electrical, or mechanical engineering. The scholarship includes a trip to the WAI2025 conference in Denver (includes roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, and conference fee). Applicants must be full-time students at the junior or senior level with a cumulative 3.0 GPA of (on a 4.0 scale) or better.

### The AI Worden "Endeavour" Scholarship (\$7,000 value)

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The Endeavour Scholarship is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit that brings STEM-minded students and teachers on an all-expenses-paid, 10-day journey to Washington, DC, and Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, in July 2025. Eight teams of four students and one teacher will be selected to represent their home countries in this immersive experience of international collaboration, education, and leadership. This year's cohort will be selected from Australia, Bahrain, France, Indonesia, the United States, and the United Arab Emirates.

Students will participate in the Advanced Academy and experience astronaut-like training, and teachers will join the Space Camp for Educators program learning engaging and active STEM lessons for the classroom.

To apply, please submit a 3-minute video explaining what this opportunity and a future in STEM mean to you and your larger community. Teachers should articulate how they envision bringing the knowledge gained to the classroom and beyond. Videos should be submitted to [info@endeavourscholarship.org](mailto:info@endeavourscholarship.org) with the subject line "2025 Application". Selected finalists will be invited to interview with our scholarship team for a spot in Endeavour Class of 2025.

Learn more about the program at [www.endeavourscholarship.org](http://www.endeavourscholarship.org).

### The NKL Aerospace Engineering Scholarship (\$1,000)

The applicant must be enrolled or accepted in an accredited two- or four-year college, technical institution, or certificate program with a declared major in aerospace engineering and a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Applicant must provide a copy of an enrollment acceptance letter, be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and a volunteer in STEM and aviation-related events and/or WAI activities. Submit a 500-1,000 word essay, typed and double spaced, addressing the following topics: financial need, who or what inspired you to pursue a degree/career in aerospace engineering, what career path are you pursuing, and how are you involved in aviation and community service. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution.

### Yukiko Howell Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500 value)

The WAI Washington State Chapter offers a \$1,500 scholarship for STEM education in memory of Yukiko Howell. Yukiko taught math, science, and Japanese language for many years at Annie Wright School, a private school in Tacoma, Washington, and was an active chapter volunteer. STEM careers included but are not limited to science, engineering, air traffic controller, avionics technician, dispatch certification, aircraft mechanic, meteorologist, and STEM educator.

## AVIATION MAINTENANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

### Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air Maintenance Scholarship (\$5,000 value)

Alaska Airlines will award one \$5,000 scholarship to a female mechanic pursuing an A&P certification with the goal of working as a mechanic for Alaska Air Group. Applicants must be students enrolled in an accredited aviation maintenance program or in Alaska Airlines Maintenance Technician Development program and in good academic standing.

### Amazon Maintenance Technician Scholarship (\$2,500 value)

Amazon is proud to offer the Aircraft Maintenance Technician scholarship to a remarkable woman currently enrolled in an Aviation Maintenance Program (A&P) or an aspiring maintenance technician. This scholarship aims to recognize and empower a woman who exemplifies academic excellence, demonstrates strong leadership potential, and is dedicated to making a positive impact within the aviation community. To be considered for this award, applicant must be a current WAI member, and submit a 500-word essay and two letters of recommendation.

### CAE 2025 Bombardier Learjet Maintenance Initial Scholarship (\$12,000 value)

CAE is proud to award a scholarship for one FAA maintenance initial from the below program offerings to WAI members including Bombardier Lear 60 FAA Initial – Dallas and Bombardier Lear 45 FAA Initial – Dallas

The scholarship winner should have the knowledge and experience level required for licenses issued under ICAO standards or an equivalent qualification. The course is 10 days and will be conducted in Dallas, Texas. The scholarship winner is responsible for all lodging and travel costs. This course has no cash value and is non-transferable. The scholarship award must be started within one year of the scholarship award date. Class date selection is only allowed from current published class date schedule at the CAE Dallas training center.

With the scholarship you will become a CAE Women In Flight Ambassador. Your role as an ambassador is to inspire the next generation of female pilots. As a CAE Women in Flight Ambassador, you will help women discover a career in aviation. In your day-to-day activities, at events and networking opportunities, we want you to bring your experience to life and spread the word with your network on social media. This is an opportunity to give back, tell your story, share your journey, and inspire others.

### Delta Air Lines Aircraft Maintenance Technology Scholarship (\$5,000 value)

Delta Air Lines will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a student currently enrolled in an Aviation Maintenance Technician Program (A&P) or pursuing a degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology. The scholarship includes a trip to the WAI2025 conference in Denver (includes roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations and conference fee). Applicant must be a full-time student with a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better and must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.

## Pratt & Whitney Engine Maintenance Training Scholarship

(SIX OFFERED - each at \$5,500 value)

Pratt & Whitney Customer Training is offering six (6) engine maintenance training scholarships to individuals working to become A&P mechanics. The Pratt & Whitney Engine Maintenance Training Scholarship includes one pre-scheduled Pratt & Whitney or Pratt & Whitney Canada engine maintenance training course, domestic airfare only, and hotel accommodations. Scholarships expire two years from the date they are received. There are two training options: 1. Attend an instructor-led Pratt & Whitney commercial engine maintenance training course (remote or in-person at P&W training facilities in the US, China, or India) or 2. Attend an instructor-led Pratt & Whitney Canada engine maintenance training course (in-person only) offered at the nearest Flight Safety International training facility. Applicants must be close to finishing Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) schooling and obtaining their Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) license, or they must be a recent graduate of AMT school who has recently obtained their A&P license. Applicants cannot be past Pratt & Whitney scholarship recipients or Pratt & Whitney employees.

## AVIATION MANUFACTURING SCHOLARSHIPS

### The Boeing Company Manufacturing Skills Scholarship

(\$5,000 value)

The Boeing Company will award scholarships to women interested in pursuing advanced training and certification in the aerospace industry in manufacturing, operations, or quality control. Applicants may be current full-time or part-time employees in the aerospace industry or a related field or who are pursuing education or certification in applicable fields. The award must be used for educational and training purposes only and may not be applied toward flight hours.

## FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

### AeroStar ATP CTP Certification Training Scholarship (\$4,200 value)

The ATP CTP course is a prerequisite for the FAA's highest certificate. This training program will impart conceptual knowledge through academics and consolidate that knowledge through training in a Flight Simulation Training Device (FSTD). The course bridges the knowledge gap between a pilot who holds a private pilot certificate and a pilot operating in an air carrier environment. This program meets the requirements of FAR §61.156. Successful completion of our FAA-approved course makes you eligible to take the ATP MultiEngine (ATM) knowledge test, which you may take at any testing center. The ATP Certificate Training Program is 7-9 days long, (32 hours) 4 days ground taught by an experienced airline pilot; (10 hours) 3 days advanced flight simulation training in a Level D Full Flight Sim; (4 hours) 1 day of Level D Flight Training Device as crew; (6 hours) 2 days of Level D Full Flight Sim (FFS) as crew. This scholarship does not include lodging and transportation. Training must be scheduled to commence no later than one year from award. Cannot be converted to cash value or transferred to any other course or person.

## FOR GENERAL CAREER ADVANCEMENT

### **Bonita Jean Olsen Memorial Scholarship**

**(\$3,000 value)**

In addition to all WAI requirements, the applicant shall be pursuing higher education toward a STEM career with plans to enter a career in aviation or aerospace. The applicant must be enrolled (or committed to attending) an accredited institution (includes two- and four-year colleges, technical institutes, and certificate programs), and have experience volunteering in STEM or aviation-related events and/or WAI activities within the past year. In your WAI application essay, include detailed explanations of the applicant's career plans, goals, and volunteer experiences. Preference will be given to local candidates within the Seattle/Washington state area, but all applicants will be considered based upon character, need, community involvement, and accomplishments.

### **Business Aviation Collective Scheduler Course**

**(\$695 value)**

BAC is offering one Business Aviation Scheduler Course to a WAI member to help them pursue active employment as a Part 91 scheduler. The course is to be used within one year of receiving the award. The recipient will also receive access to the BAC Schedulers Resource Page.

### **Elisha Hall Memorial Scholarship**

**(\$2,500)**

WAI member Elisha Hall represented herself as a dedicated and passionate aviation professional. She was a leader, an explorer, and lived life to its fullest. To celebrate her life and accomplishments, the WAI Wright Chapter is offering a \$2,000 scholarship to a woman who embodies the qualities that Elisha so splendidly exemplified, and who is seeking to further her aviation career in one or more of the following areas: flight training (any phase); aircraft scheduling or dispatch; aviation management; aviation maintenance or avionics. Preference is given to local candidates within the Cincinnati, Ohio/Tri-State area, but all applicants will be considered based upon character, need, community involvement, and accomplishments. Limited financial assistance will be offered to the scholarship recipient to attend the WAI conference.

### **General Chuck Yeager's Legacy Foundation Scholarship**

**(\$1,000 value)**

In honor of Brig. Gen. Charles "Chuck" Yeager, legendary World War II fighter ace, Vietnam combat pilot, USAF test pilot, and the first person to exceed Mach 1 and Mach 2, and more extraordinary accomplishments. WAI is honored to announce this scholarship in Yeager's name. Just like the American icon that bears its name, this \$1,000 scholarship, provided by the Gen. Chuck Yeager's Legacy Foundation, will be offered to a deserving WAI member who shows tenacity and dedication by constructively overcoming obstacles that could have impeded their ability to advance in their aviation goals. See [www.WAI/scholarships](http://www.WAI/scholarships) for additional essay questions required for this application.

### **Janet Clark Memorial Scholarship**

**(\$1,500 value)**

The WAI Washington State Chapter offers a \$1,500 scholarship in memory of Janet Clark. She worked for the FAA as an airworthiness aviation safety inspector, maintenance division and was a member of the Washington State Chapter. The applicant must be working toward a career in aviation, be enrolled in an accredited aviation-related program, have experience volunteering in WAI events and/or aviation-related events in the previous year, and detail explanations of his or her career plans, goals, and volunteer experiences.

### **Mary Ann Eiff Memorial Outreach Award**

**(\$1,500 value)**

The Mary Ann Eiff Memorial Award seeks to recognize an individual, a WAI chapter, or another significant entity that has demonstrated a clear commitment to reaching young women through outreach activities to inform them of the many aviation careers available to them and encourage them to consider choosing aviation careers. Individuals who win this award will receive a lifetime membership in WAI (currently a \$1,500 value); or if awarded to a WAI Chapter, a \$1,500 contribution will be made to the chapter to sustain their outreach activities. Potential recipients may apply themselves or on behalf of their chapter.

Applicant must be a current WAI member or an active WAI chapter and include a 500-word essay on why they deserve to be considered for this award, and two letters of recommendation.

Recommended: Upload no more than two examples of publicity or marketing materials used to promote the effort to encourage more young women to enter the aviation field.

### **WASP Elaine D. Harmon Tailwheel Scholarship**

**(\$1,500 value)**

In memory of WASP pilot Elaine D. Harmon, this scholarship will provide up to \$1,500 to fund tailwheel endorsement training. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and assist pilots to become involved in the warbird and vintage aircraft community to keep these historic airplanes flying. Warbirds and vintage airplanes bring a piece of history to the aviation community and help educate the public. The tailwheel endorsement is generally a requirement to pursue a warbird pilot rating. Accordingly, this scholarship is intended to support a pilot who is interested in further training to fly warbirds or vintage planes. Applicants must be current WAI members and are encouraged to research if they meet the minimum certification requirements to pursue this training at their provider of choice. The funds will be paid directly to the training provider and must be used within one year of receiving the award.

## FOR CAREER PILOTS

### **Alaska Airlines / Horizon Air Pilot Scholarship**

**(\$5,000 value)**

Alaska Airlines will award one \$5,000 scholarship to a female pilot pursuing a professional airline pilot career with the goal of working for Alaska Air Group. Applicants must be full-time college students at the junior or senior level with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or must be interested in our Pilot Development Program. Candidates will be evaluated on volunteer work in the community, academic standing, teamwork, leadership skills, airmanship, and interest in working for Alaska Airlines/Horizon Air.

## FOR CAREER PILOTS (Continued)

### **The Anne Bridge Baddour Aviation Scholarship** ((\$5,000 value)

This scholarship will be awarded to a female pilot with the following accomplishments: must be a U.S. citizen, be dedicated to becoming a professional pilot, have at least a private pilot certificate with 150 hours of flying time, and be on track toward earning the ATP. This award will be used to further her aims toward an instrument rating or multi-engine rating or ATP.

### **Delta Air Lines Propel Pilot Scholarship** ((\$5,000 value)

Delta Air Lines will award two \$5,000 scholarships to WAI members currently participating in Delta's Propel Program – either collegiate, company, or community partner path. The scholarship recipient will receive a trip to the WAI2025 conference in Denver (includes roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, and conference fee). This scholarship is intended for women seeking advancement in professional aviation development toward a career as a professional airline pilot.

### **ISA+21 Financial Scholarship 2025** (TWO OFFERED – each at \$5,000 value)

The International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISA+21) will award a minimum of two scholarships valued at \$5,000 each to women working to acquire a CFI, CFII, or MEI certificate. Funds will be paid directly to an accredited college or university with an aviation curriculum, an aviation technical school, or a government-approved flight school. Training must be completed within one year of the award.

### **Russ Cotney and Lauren Cotney Professional Airline Pilot Career Scholarship** ((\$2,500 value)

This scholarship is established in honor of Maj. Gen. (ret.) William Russell Cotney in recognition of his 40 years of meritorious service to his country in the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard and in honor of his daughter Lauren Cotney, who, following in her father's footsteps, is distinguishing herself as a pilot for Delta Air Lines and in her service to her country as a member of the Air National Guard.

Successful applicants must be women pursuing a professional airline pilot career as a junior, senior, or graduate-level student enrolled in an accredited college or university aviation, engineering, or aeronautical science program. Preference will be given to veterans, current service members, or daughters of veterans or current service members. To be considered, candidates must submit academic transcripts demonstrating a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale); two letters of recommendation from faculty members, flight instructors, or pilots who have flown with the applicant; and an essay describing goals, achievements, honors, community involvement, and leadership skills. Details of how the scholarship is to be used should also be included. Funds may be applied to tuition, books, fees, flight ratings and/or certificates and will be disbursed directly to the institution.

### **Sun Country Airlines "Fly in a New Direction" Scholarship** ((\$5,000 value)

Sun Country Airlines will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a female applicant who is passionate about and determined to become a career pilot and soaring to new heights. Applicants must be pursuing a career to become a professional career pilot, hold a private pilot certificate, and be pursuing an advanced pilot certificate or rating. Funds will be paid directly to the flight school to be applied to the recipient's account and must be used within a year of receiving the award.

## FOR DISPATCH

### **ADF/North American Flight Control Dispatch Certificate Scholarship** ((\$4,600 value)

The Airline Dispatchers Federation, in conjunction with North American Flight Control LLC, is offering WAI members a scholarship to earn their Aircraft Dispatcher's FAA 121 certificate. The scholarship will cover tuition, books, instruction, and training required to take the aircraft dispatch written test and checkride with an FAA 121 examiner for certification, and the FAA examiner's fees for the written and oral examination. The scholarship recipient is responsible for the cost of transportation to/from North American Flight Control LLC, lodging, and meals during training. The recipient must schedule and complete his/her training with North American Flight Control prior to December 31, 2025.

### **Boeing Jeppesen FAA Dispatcher Certification Course Scholarship** ((\$4,871 value)

Boeing is offering a scholarship for the Jeppesen FAA Dispatcher Certification Course. The recipient will be chosen based on passion for joining the aviation industry profession. Applicants must be at least 21 years old to attend the course and 23 years old to obtain the FAA dispatcher certificate. This scholarship is for tuition and books only and does not include any FAA testing fees.

### **Universal Weather & Aviation FAA-Certified Dispatcher Training Course Scholarship** ((\$4,995)

The Universal Weather and Aviation's hybrid aircraft dispatcher course consists of two elements: a self-paced online portion and an eight-day classroom session. This course allows the applicant to complete the majority of the coursework online over a four- to eight-month period. When the online requirements are met and the FAA Airman Knowledge Test is passed, the recipient will spend eight days at the Houston, Texas, training facility to complete the practical portion of his or her training.



## FOR PRIVATE PILOTS

### **Amazon.com, Professional Flight Training Scholarship** (\$2,500 value)

Amazon is proud to offer the Professional Flight Training Scholarship to a remarkable woman enrolled in flight training. This scholarship aims to recognize and empower a woman who exemplifies academic excellence, demonstrates strong leadership potential, and is dedicated to making a positive impact within the aviation community. To be considered for this award, applicant must be a current WAI member, and submit a 500-word essay and two letters of recommendation.

### **Bunny M. Connors Memorial Scholarship** (\$979.82)

This scholarship is in memory of Bunny M. Connors, a career respiratory therapist at several hospitals in Massachusetts, who later chose to pursue her lifelong dream of flying. She became a flight instructor and had a commercial airline career. The scholarship will be awarded to a WAI member pursuing a private pilot certificate or instrument rating. Flight training must be completed within one year of receiving the scholarship.

### **Delta Air Lines Pilot Scholarship** (\$5,000 value)

Delta Air Lines will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a WAI member currently working toward their instrument, commercial, CFI, CFII, MEI, and primary certificates. The scholarship recipient will receive a trip to the WAI2025 conference in Denver (includes roundtrip airfare, hotel accommodations, and conference fee). Scholarship funds will be paid directly to your flight school and training must be completed within a year. This scholarship is intended for women seeking advancement in professional aviation development toward a career as a professional airline pilot.

### **Christine Reed Memorial Flight Scholarship** (\$2,500 value)

Women in Aviation International (WAI) in partnership with J. Elliot Marketing (Nipomo, CA), offer a

\$2,500 flight training scholarship in memory of Christine Reed. Christine never completed her flight training. She loved airplanes and loved airports, and she attempted to become a private pilot. Christine passed away unexpectedly at the age of 32 and was never able to complete her flight training.

The Christine Reed Memorial Flight Scholarship is open to women ages 16-30 that have soloed within the last six months preceding applying for this scholarship and are working toward their recreational, sport pilot, or private pilot certificate – advanced certificates/ratings may be considered depending the quality of the applicant pool. Applicants must provide a copy of their solo endorsement with the application. Preference will be given to New Jersey, Illinois, and Arizona residents but all applicants will be considered. Fund will be paid directly to the flight school of your choice.

In addition to all of the WAI scholarship requirements (including the scholarship essay), please also submit a 1-2 page essay explaining “Why I Love to Fly.”

### **Diane Ballweg Scholarship** (\$500)

This scholarship is given to a woman over 30 years old who wants to learn to fly or who already has a private, sport, or recreational certificate and wants to pursue an advanced certificate or rating (instrument, commercial, or other). The scholarship award will be paid directly to the flight school to be applied to the recipient’s account.

### **Esther Noffke Flight Training Scholarship** (\$5,000 value)

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In memory of aviation pioneer Esther Noffke, George J. Priester Aviation is awarding one flight training scholarship worth \$5,000. Esther’s passion for aviation was evident from a young age. This early commitment paved the way for her to move to Texas, where she completed a rigorous 7-month program with the Army Air Force. In March 1944, Esther and 48 of her classmates earned their silver WASP wings, officially becoming Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). They were the first class to wear the new Santiago blue uniforms. Once WASP disbanded in December 1944, Esther made her way back to her home state of Illinois.

In addition to all WAI requirements, the applicant shall be enrolled in a flight program or enrolled in a college/university, maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA, and provide at least one relevant reference letter. The scholarship is needs based, where applicants can outline their financial situation in their application essay. The award winner will meet once every quarter with an assigned mentor from George J. Priester Aviation. Applicants should have a focus on aviation degree studies with defined goals. Applicants will also be required to submit an essay in 250 words or less, tell us about you, then in as many words as you need—describe your personal aviation aspirations; describe your family and personal financial situation.

### **ISA+21 Francesca Norris Memorial Scholarship** (TWO OFFERED – each at \$5,000 value)

This scholarship was established to honor the memory of a young woman who was well on her way to achieving her dream of becoming an airline pilot when she lost her life in an airplane accident. The funds for this scholarship are generously donated by the Francesca Norris Memorial Fund and the U.S. Aviation Academy.

The International Society of Women Airline Pilots (ISA+21) will award two \$5,000 scholarships (one of those is cosponsored by the U.S. Aviation Academy) to women who are working to acquire a CFI, CFII, or MEI rating, in honor of Francesca’s memory. The recipient will attend the U.S. Aviation Academy in Denton, Texas, for her training.

### **Jeppesen, A Boeing Company, Flight Training Scholarship** (\$5,000 value)

Boeing’s commitment to general aviation includes a pilot flight training scholarship for an individual working toward a private, recreational or sport pilot certificate or instrument rating. Funds will be paid directly to your flight school, and training is to be completed within one year. The recipient will be chosen based on passion for flying, commitment to completing flight training and two reference letters highlighting the applicant’s character qualities. Applicants who are full-time students enrolled in high school, an accredited flight program, or an accredited college or university should have a 3.0 GPA or better (on a 4.0 scale).

## FOR PRIVATE PILOTS (Continued)

### **Kelsey A. Meyer Memorial Scholarship** ((\$2,500 value)

One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually to a female student at the college sophomore or above currently enrolled in an aviation/professional flight degree program at an accredited university who has achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0. All scholarship funds must be used for educational and flight-related expenses. Funds will be paid directly to the school and must be used within a year of receiving the award.

### **Kylie Murray Memorial Women in Aviation International Scholarship** ((\$7,500 value)

This scholarship was created by the Murray family in memory of Kylie Murray and to honor her love of aviation. The intent is to award one scholarship for flight training for commercial multiengine land (C-MEL) or certified flight instructor—multiengine (MEI) certification.

This scholarship is provided in partnership with the ATP Flight School. The recipient must meet the requirements outlined below and may choose at their discretion either a 5-day, 10-hour or 7-day, 15-hour training program at any of ATP's multiengine locations. Travel, lodging, or examiner's fees are not included in the program cost. This fund may be used only to award scholarships that pay for flight training fees. The fund may not be used for any other purpose.

Applicants must be a WAI member and a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Applicants must hold a current FAA medical certificate, commercial pilot certificate with instrument rating, and be instrument current and proficient. Applicants applying for a scholarship for flight instructor - multiengine (MEI) must hold a current flight instructor certificate. In addition, applicants must be a student-athlete as demonstrated by activity in high school, college, or post-graduate (i.e., adult club) athletics. This can be addressed in the required essay.

### **Martha King Scholarship for Female Flight Instructors** ((\$20,000 value)

King Schools will award a scholarship to a female pilot working on an initial flight instructor certificate or a new rating on her flight instructor certificate. The award includes \$5,000 to apply toward an initial CFI rating or any CFI add-on certificate, access to the entire library of King Schools online courses for life (valued at \$13,120), and FIRC's for life. Applicant must be a member of WAI holding a current FAA commercial certificate with an instrument rating, or a CFI certificate. Applicants essay should include your aviation history and goals, what you have done to achieve your goals, where you see yourself in 5 and 10 years, and how the scholarship will help you achieve your objective and your present financial need.

### **Sporty's Foundation Flight Training Scholarship for WAI Chapter Member** ((\$5,000 value)

Sporty's Foundation is offering one flight training scholarship to a WAI member who works with youth to help them pursue their aviation dreams and is pursuing a recreational, sport, or private pilot

certificate. Special consideration will be given to Girls in Aviation Day volunteers. Scholarship funds are to be used for flight training costs only and must be used within one year of receiving the scholarship. Award money will be sent to the recipient's flight school for disbursement. The recipient will also receive a copy of Sporty's complete Learn to Fly Flight Training Course.

### **The Dorothy Thompson/Tampa Bay Aviation Scholarship** ((\$1,500 value)

Tampa Bay Aviation is offering one scholarship to a WAI member pursuing a fixed-wing or rotorcraft, private or commercial pilot certificate, or instrument rating. The scholarship will be in the form of a credit on their account at Tampa Bay Aviation. Funds will not be disbursed directly to the recipient. The recipient will be responsible for all written and oral examination fees, as well as any other fees which do not consist of aircraft rental or instruction at Tampa Bay Aviation. The scholarship must be used in pursuit of a certificate or rating and cannot simply be used for aircraft rental.

### **The Keep Flying International Scholarship** (TWO OFFERED – each at \$3,000 value)

The Keep Flying Scholarship was created after 9/11 to offer an intermediate level flight scholarship. This scholarship is open to WAI members worldwide. One \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to an individual working on a fixed-wing aircraft instrument, commercial, multi-engine, or flight instructor certificate. Candidates must hold a private pilot certificate and have at least 100 hours of flight time. In addition, they must have passed all written exams for the certificate sought that is required by the aviation authority in their country. Finalists will be interviewed as part of the selection process.

### **The White Family Legacy Scholarship** ((\$3,000 value)

The White Family Legacy Scholarship is offering one \$3,000 scholarship to an individual working on a fixed wing aircraft instrument or multiengine rating, or commercial or CFI certificate. Funds will be paid directly to the flight school. Flight training must be completed within one year of receipt of scholarship.

Minimum requirements: private pilot certificate, and 100 hours of flight time, and a current copy of the written test results for the certificate/rating sought. One letter of recommendation from a pilot who has flown with you. The recipient will be chosen on basis of merit, career aspirations and dedication, and contributions to the community. In your essay, please address how the funds will be used, and your professional goals. Also, please discuss any community or volunteer service organizations you are a member of, including dates and hours of service and a summary of your activities.

## FOR PRIVATE PILOTS (Continued)

### **WAI Atlanta “Wheels Down South” Chapter Scholarship**

(\$1,000 value)

The WAI Atlanta Chapter is offering a scholarship to aid an individual with the pursuit of their aviation dream. Applicants will be evaluated based on merit, career, aspirations, dedication, contributions to the community, and following application directions. Within the required 500-word essay include the details of your aviation dream (flight, maintenance, management, etc.), how this scholarship will help you reach your goal, where you hope to use the funds, and an approximate timeline of completion of your goal.

Preference will be given to members of the Atlanta Chapter, but all applicants will be considered based on the criteria above. Award will be paid directly to the organization, not to the scholarship recipient. Applicants must use funds within one year of acceptance.

### **Wings for Val Foundation Lieutenant Valerie Cappelaere Delaney Memorial Scholarship**

(\$10,000 value)

The Wings for Val Foundation ([www.WingsForVal.org](http://www.WingsForVal.org)) honors the legacy of Lt. Valerie “Val” Delaney (May 14, 1986–March 11, 2013), through a mission to support women in aviation and to inspire the next generation of female leaders. This scholarship honors Lt. Delaney’s memory and is open to a female WAI member from any country, 18 years of age or older. It will be awarded to an individual pursuing a private fixed-wing pilot certificate or any subsequent flight ratings. Applicants are encouraged to research Val and draw similarities to her in the written essay. FAA Class 1-3 medicals are preferred; Basic Medical will be considered. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient’s flight school of choice and must be used within a year of receiving the award.

### **Wings Over 35 Scholarship**

(\$500 value)

The Wings Over 35 Scholarship is designed to promote general aviation among men or women over the age of 35 to attain certification as a private pilot. In addition to WAI requirements, the applicant must be over the age of 35, must not hold a private pilot certificate, and must have a desire to pursue higher ratings. Applicant must hold at least a FAA Class 3 medical. In your 500-word essay, please explain your goals in aviation, what you have done so far toward attaining that goal, and in general terms your financial need. All proceeds will be paid directly to the flight school of your choice and must be used within a year of receiving the award.

### **Women Military Aviators Dream of Flight Scholarship**

(\$2,500 value)

Women Military Aviators (WMA) offers an annual scholarship to advance a woman in her pursuit of flight ratings at an accredited institution or FAA-approved Part 141 or Part 61 flight school. Over the past 30 years this scholarship has been given to select candidates so that they may pursue opportunities in aviation. See [www.WAI.org/scholarships](http://www.WAI.org/scholarships) for additional essay questions required for this application.