

# UAA CONNECT

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UAA Members,

The University Aviation Association (UAA) and National Air Transportation Association (NATA) have submitted the attached joint comment (Comment ID FAA-2024-2531-0221) to Docket NO. FAA-2024-2531 Modernization of Pilot Schools.

In our public comment, the UAA and NATA also endorse comments submitted by the Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance (AICA), Save Our Skies Alliance, and Groton Ayer Buzz (Comment ID FAA-2024-2531-0004) and the City of Phoenix Aviation Department (Comment ID FAA-2024-2531-0003). UAA and NATA will be collaborating with additional industry stakeholders to build a broader coalition for future comments to this docket.

We appreciate your support of UAA. Our collective effort to send a cohesive statement sends a strong message to the FAA and other industry stakeholders that will make an impact.

We respectfully request the FAA adopt objectives below supported by our diverse membership base:

1. Optimize Training Efficiency
2. Integrate Scenario and Competency Based Training
3. Leverage Innovation and Technology
4. Enhance Flight Training with Evidence-Based, Data-Driven Insights
5. Increase Transparency of Program Effectiveness
6. Incorporate Stakeholder Inclusion and Community Engagement

For a more comprehensive understanding of this topic, please refer to the detailed information provided on pages 5-8.

Ryan Leick, PhD  
President, University Aviation Association

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**NOW OPEN!** The UAA Annual Collegiate Aviation Conference, now in its 78th year, offers the ideal opportunity to gain exposure to innovative, groundbreaking programs, partnerships, and to share best practices with leading educators and industry representatives.

UAA invites proposals representing all segments of the industry: Air Traffic Control, Flight, FTDs, Maintenance, Management, Operations, UAS. The allotted time for most sessions is 30 minutes. All session proposals considered by the program committee must come to the committee fully formed via the online submission form with title, description (abstract), and names and contact information of individuals who have agreed to speak if the session is accepted.

Professionals from universities, research institutions, airlines, government agency and regulators, air safety investigation, students, and all relevant participants in the collegiate aviation system are invited to contribute by presentation in the same categories as previously defined in our conference formats.

The 2025 Program Committee is chaired by UAA President, Dr. Ryan Leick. The committee members will review abstract submissions and notify applicants of acceptance.

[Click here to submit your proposal.](#) If you have questions, please reach out to Dawn Vinson at [dawn.vinson@uaa.aero](mailto:dawn.vinson@uaa.aero) OR (901) 563-0505.

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## UAA at ATEC 2025: A Successful Conference



The University Aviation Association (UAA) is pleased to announce our attendance at ATEC's 2025 annual conference and Expo in Norfolk, VA. We commend Aviation Technician Education Council (ATEC) for the value it brings to collegiate institutions and students pursuing aviation careers, particularly in Aviation Maintenance A&P, Maintenance Management, and Avionics Electronics.

The conference exhibitors provide numerous academic resources, including instructional materials, publications, and hands-on maintenance training equipment. We were especially pleased to see one of our member institutions, Middle Tennessee State University, as a fellow exhibitor at the conference and applaud their commitment to staying connected with ATEC and providing students with cutting-edge information.

ATEC's breakout sessions covered over 20 topics, including FAA safety standards updates, implementing SMS into A&P programs, revising airman certification standards, recommendations to improve maintenance training, and adopting immersive technologies for training the next generation of technicians, among others.

UAA is excited about the opportunity to connect with fellow educators, industry professionals, and students at ATEC's annual conference. We look forward to engaging in discussions, exploring innovative resources, and further strengthening the ties between collegiate aviation programs and the vital field of aviation maintenance.

Thank you, ATEC, for a great conference! Looking forward to seeing you again next year in Portland, OR.

## UAA Soars at Pathways 2 Possibilities Tennessee

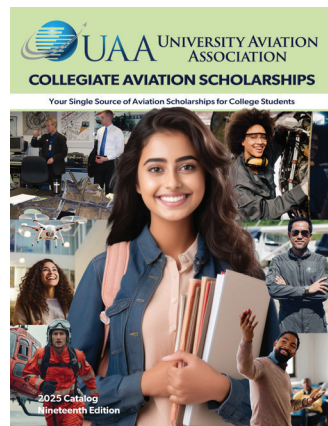
UAA proudly represented the aerospace industry at the Pathways 2 Possibilities Tennessee event. This year event served almost 4,000 students over the two days. Those students arrived on 79 buses from 32 schools from 17 school districts.

Designed for 8th graders, the event allowed UAA to introduce students to aviation careers pathways through Q&A sessions, discussions on jet engine principles of operation and demonstrations using a Rolls-Royce engine model and 3D printed airplane for flight controls. We provided a foundational understanding of aircraft flight and maintenance. Additionally, we equipped over 30 school counselors with career resources, including the Collegiate Aviation Guide and Collegiate Aviation Scholarship catalogs.



Our Redbird flight simulator was a highlight, offering over 100 students the chance to experience taking off and landing a Cessna 172. Of those, 12 students earned their UAA simulator introduction wings by successfully completing a take-off, go-around, landing, and full stop. #deltaairlines #deltapropel #piedmontairlines P2P continues to expand and now impacting students across 3 different states!

## Collegiate Aviation Scholarships for 2025 Now Available



Don't let funding be a barrier to your aviation dreams! The 2025 Collegiate Aviation Scholarship (CAS) unlocks access to millions of dollars in dedicated scholarships. This invaluable resource provides details and links to over 200 scholarships specifically for aviation students. The 2025 CAS makes finding the right scholarship easy with categories based on your field of study (flight, maintenance, etc.) and other qualifications like veteran status, location, and efforts to diversify the aviation industry.

[Click here to access the Collegiate Aviation Scholarship Catalog.](#)

## UAA Request for Aviation Industry Swag



Share your brand swag with thousands of students exploring careers in aviation.

During our first quarter alone, we'll be reaching over 4,300 students at more than 40 schools through aviation events.

We invite you to be a part of this exciting opportunity to connect with and inspire the future of aviation. Please contact Jorge Gomez at [jgomez@uaa.aero](mailto:jgomez@uaa.aero) or (901) 563-0505 to discuss how your brand swag can make a difference at our upcoming events. We look forward to working with you!

**If you would like to contribute, please mail any swag to the following address:**  
University Aviation Association  
5050 Poplar Avenue, 1503, Memphis TN 38157

## California Aeronautical University Instructor Named “Educator of the Year”



California Aeronautical University (CAU) proudly announces that Omar Aguilera, instructor in the University’s Aviation Maintenance Technology program, has been named “Educator of the Year” by the Aviation Technician Education Council (ATEC). This prestigious award recognizes Aguilera’s outstanding contributions to aviation maintenance education and his commitment to shaping the next generation of aircraft mechanics.

A 25-year veteran of the United States Navy, Aguilera spent much of his career working on helicopters and mentoring young Sailors. Guided by the medical profession model “see one, be one, teach one,” Aguilera teaches his students the importance of critical thinking and troubleshooting, skills needed to meet the future needs of aviation and aerospace industries.

“My goal is to give back to the industry that I learned to love throughout my career in the military,” said Aguilera.

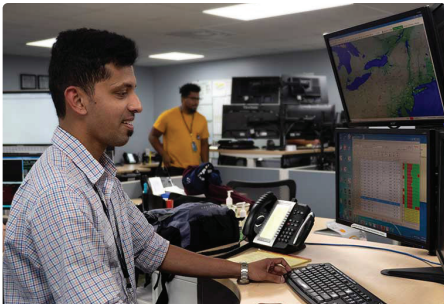
“One of the most important lessons my mentors instilled in me was the art of troubleshooting. Anyone can change a part but understanding why you’re making that change is what makes a proficient and autonomous technician. That’s the approach I work to instill in my students every day.”

His experience and passion for giving back to the industry have made him an integral member of CAU’s maintenance program and an invaluable asset to students.

“Omar has had a great military career training sailors,” said California Aeronautical University Provost Dr. Michael Berry. “Now he is making a lasting impact on the future of aviation maintenance, leading general aviation technicians to their careers. He provides his students a solid foundation that will prepare them for the time they reach the work world!”

*UAA celebrates Omar Aguilera of California Aeronautical University for being named ATEC’s “Educator of the Year.” His 25 years of Navy experience and dedication to teaching critical thinking are shaping the next generation of aircraft mechanics.*

## Future Dispatchers Attend Piedmont Airlines' Meet & Greet



SALISBURY, MD -- Piedmont Airlines invited hopeful aviation trainees to their Dispatcher Trainee Program Meet and Greet on Saturday. Individuals got to learn about dispatcher roles and airline operations.

On Saturday, Piedmont Airlines, at the Salisbury Airport, invited individuals interested in dispatcher roles to learn more about the airline’s training program and aviation opportunities.

Attendees met with recruiters and dispatchers to learn more about dispatch training before submitting their application for the trainee program that begins this spring. They were also able to take a tour of Piedmont’s Operational Control Center.

There were 60 participants at today’s meet and greet event. Jason Culver, the Director of the Operations Control Center at airline, says the event allows those interested in the field to learn about what dispatchers do and how they work with and among other aviation sectors. Culver says, “There is a lot that happens in this building, right here in Salisbury” ... “Communication between the maintenance people, the crew people, and being able to put that all together and run a safe operation is really what we are looking for.”

Piedmont officials say they are looking for local talent with general knowledge of the weather, being task-orientated, and being able to work through stressful situations. Culver says, “They don’t have to be an expert. We’re going to train them and give them their FAA certificate. When they come out of the training, we’re going to train them the Piedmont regulations that we have, and the policies that we follow”

The Piedmont Dispatch Trainee Program begins in April 2025 where trainees go through a dispatch certification course.

## DCC Becomes PSI Testing Site , Expanding Access to FAA Exams

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. -- Dutchess Community College (DCC) is now an official PSI Testing site for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) exams, providing a convenient local option for students, aviation professionals and the public. The College administers all FAA exams, encompassing 19 exam categories and 102 individual exams.

Until now, students often had to travel significant distances—sometimes to other states—to complete their FAA exams. With on-campus testing now available, DCC is making it easier to earn certifications, advance careers or explore new opportunities in aviation.

The new designation comes as DCC continues to expand its aviation programs, including:

- Aviation Management A.S.
- Aviation Science: Pilot A.S.
- Aviation Maintenance Technician A.A.S.
- Airframe & Powerplant Technician Certificate
- Drone Pilot Microcredential



## NOW OPEN! UAA Student Poster Competition

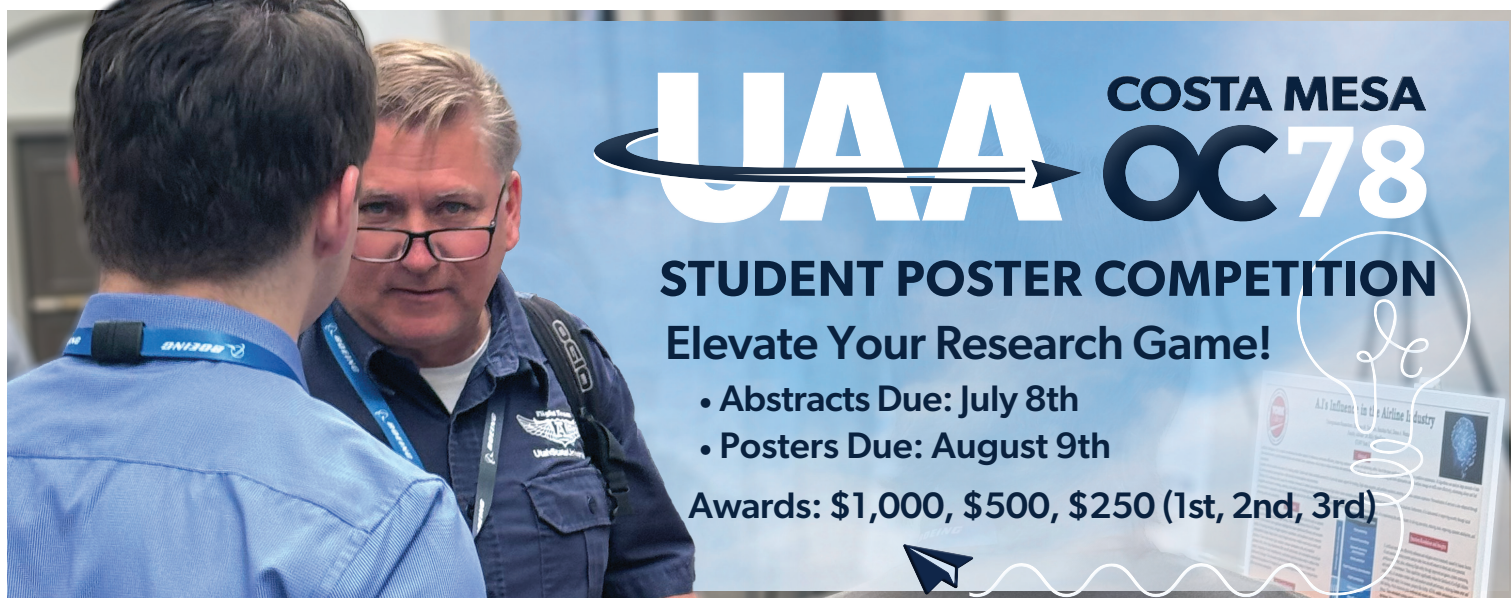



Graduate and Undergraduate students can participate in our poster competition, gaining the opportunity to present their findings at the conference and have their work featured on the UAA website ([www.uaa.aero](http://www.uaa.aero)). All accepted entries will be posted in a public area of the UAA conference for judging and public viewing by members and the general public. Winners will be announced at the 2025 UAA Collegiate Aviation Education Conference, and cash awards will be given in both the undergraduate and graduate categories. First, second, and third place winners in both categories will receive cash awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, respectively. All participants will receive certificates of accomplishment.

Abstracts must be less than 250 words. Click here --> [https://www.uaa.aero/uaa\\_78th\\_collegiate\\_aviation\\_e.php](https://www.uaa.aero/uaa_78th_collegiate_aviation_e.php)

## WELCOME NEW UAA MEMBERS

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Wayman College of Aeronautics Rosa Luy	Kerber, Jennie United Aviate Academy
Students	Kuberski, Rylan Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Adkins, Chloe University of Nebraska at Omaha	Juarez Lorenzo, Mariana University of Nebraska Omaha
Aguilar, Kathleen United Aviate Academy	Pate, Hunter University of Dubuque
Braun, Christopher Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Powell, Andrew University of Southern California
Cihota, Jack University of Dubuque	Reffett, Joseph Southern Illinois University
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Cook, Parker University of Nebraska Omaha	Rogde, Joshua University of Dubuque
Dharamdatt, Algendra York College, City University of New York	Ruch, Logan University of Nebraska-Omaha
Garza, Leonardo University of Dubuque	Swanson, Donal University of Dubuque
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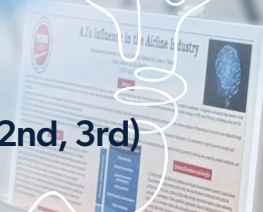
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March 18, 2025

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**RE: DOCKET NO. FAA -2024-2531 – MODERNIZATION OF PILOT SCHOOLS**

On behalf of the University Aviation Association (UAA) and the National Air Transportation Association (NATA), hereinafter “the Associations,” we submit recommendations for modernizing 14 CFR Part 141 flight training regulations to enhance training efficiency, safety, and industry alignment.

UAA’s 1,100+ individual members represent 116 collegiate aviation institutions and 74 industry partners across aviation education including regional and major US airlines, aircraft and flight simulation manufacturers, fixed- and rotary-wing flight training providers, and other aviation trade associations.

NATA represents nearly 3,700 aviation business locations across a broad cross section of the industry, including on-demand air charter air carriers and fractional ownership companies, maintenance facilities, FBOs, flight training providers, airport sponsors at general aviation airports, and others.

The Associations’ recommendations align with industry best practices and industry-supported efforts to enhance training and safety. UAA and NATA endorse comments submitted by the Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance (AICA), Save Our Skies Alliance, and Groton Ayer Buzz (Comment ID FAA-FAA-2024-2531-0004) and the City of Phoenix Aviation Department (Comment ID FAA-2024-2531-0003).

We respectfully request the FAA adopt objectives below supported by our diverse membership base:

1. **Optimize Training Efficiency** – Reduce regulatory and operational hurdles that unnecessarily impose inefficiencies in training curriculum and resource allocation.
2. **Integrate Scenario and Competency Based Training** – Adopt FAA Industry Training Standards (FITS) practices into 14 CFR Part 141 regulations such as Learner-Centered Instruction (LCI), Scenario-Based Training (SBT), and Competency-Based Training and Assessment (CBTA).
3. **Leverage Innovation and Technology** – Allow for the expanded use of Flight Simulation Training Devices (FSTDs) and adoption of Virtual/Augmented Reality Training (V/ART).
4. **Enhance Flight Training with Evidence-Based, Data-Driven Insights** – Incorporate practices from 14 CFR 121 and 135 aircraft operators, such as Safety Management System (SMS), Flight Data Monitoring (FDM) / Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA), Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP), Line Oriented Flight Training (LOFT), Crew Resource Management (CRM), Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS), and Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT).
5. **Increase Transparency of Program Effectiveness** – Require Part 141 pilot schools to report to the FAA student outcome, training effectiveness, and operational safety metrics for evaluating training trends and informing decision-making for prospective students.
6. **Incorporate Stakeholder Inclusion and Community Engagement** – Strengthen collaboration with impacted communities to foster a community-conscious training environment that benefits both pilots and the aviation industry in accordance with Advisory Circular 91-36D.



## **1. Optimize Training Efficiency**

Regulatory constraints limit the scalability of Part 141 flight training organizations. The 2025 Red Bird State of Flight Training Report found that training costs have risen 76.6% since 2020. The average flight training cost and training timeline through commercial, multi-engine with Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) certificate was \$65,750 and over 72 weeks of training. Over half (55%) of all Flight Training Organizations (FTOs) and 83% of Designated Pilot Examiners (DPEs) reported being over capacity or very busy. High capital costs and a limited pool of qualified instructors and DPEs make it difficult for FTOs to scale operations commensurate with current industry demand. However, simple regulatory changes can increase the efficiency of Part 141 training operations with no impact to operational safety.

The Associations request the FAA provide Part 141 flight schools autonomy under FAA Order 8110.15B, Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) procedures authorizing an organization to act as a representative of the Administrator. This would allow Chief Flight Instructors to designate Assistant Chief Flight Instructors and perform practical exams thereby reducing demands on strained staff resources in Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) and on DPEs.

## **2. Integrate Scenario and Competency Based Training**

UAA members have received approval for reduced time, competency-based training syllabi based on FAA Industry Training Standards (FITS) curriculum for Part 141 flight training. FITS-based competency training has demonstrated that students can achieve commercial certification in 120 to 150 total hours, 21% - 37% less than the 190-hour minimum currently required. Incorporating Learner-Centered Instruction (LCI), Scenario-Based Training (SBT), and Competency-Based Training and Assessment (CBTA) into Part 141 syllabi is a proven approach to prioritizing skill development while reducing or eliminating unnecessary hour requirements. Outdated maneuvers (e.g., lazy eights, chandelles) can be replaced with scenario-based training that preserves existing mandated training flight to reduce noise pollution and improve operational relevance.

The FAA should also consider a pipeline for ab-initio airline transport pilot training, following the Multi-Crew Pilot License (MPL) framework outlined in ICAO Annex 1 – Personnel Licensing. ICAO Doc 9868 and ICAO Doc 9992 provide guidance on competency-based training using approved Flight Simulation Training Devices (FSTDs), a model successfully adopted in other ICAO member countries.

## **3. Leverage Innovation and Technology**

Expanding the use of FSTDs in pilot training offers a cost-effective, scalable solution that enhances safety and resource utilization. Simulators provide structured, high-fidelity training environments where pilots can refine skills, develop muscle memory, and safely practice high-risk scenarios without aircraft availability constraints. Simulation allows student pilots to refine their skills in a controlled setting without the limitations of weather conditions or aircraft availability. Simulators also provide a critical UAA members have successfully implemented Virtual/Augmented Reality Training (V/ART), reducing time-to-solo by over 30% while improving retention and training efficiency. UAA also represents simulation manufacturers that provide structured, immersive environments enhancing pilot training, with FAA and EASA certification. The use of V/ART to simulate complex flight scenarios in a controlled setting can further minimizing reliance on costly aircraft and FSTDs while maintaining high safety standards. To maximize these benefits, UAA encourages the FAA to allow for the use of V/ART in competency-based training, ensuring that training remains rigorous, affordable, and adaptable to evolving industry demands such as Powered Lift / Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) pilot certification.



#### **4. Enhance Flight Training with Evidence-Based, Data-Driven Insights**

Adopting evidence-based, data-driven training methodologies from 14 CFR Part 121 and 135 operators would significantly enhance safety and pilot competency. By incorporating Safety Management Systems (SMS) and Flight Data Monitoring (FDM) / Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA), training programs can use de-identified data to proactively identify risk trends, improve decision-making, and reinforce a culture of continuous safety improvement. Additionally, the Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) encourages pilots and instructors to report safety concerns without fear of punitive action, fostering a learning-based approach to hazard mitigation. These strategies ensure that training environments reflect real-world operational challenges, preparing pilots to manage risks effectively in line with commercial aviation standards.

Beyond safety reporting and data analysis, structured training programs such as Line Oriented Flight Training (LOFT) and Crew Resource Management (CRM) develop essential skills in teamwork, communication, and situational awareness—critical elements in a multi-crew flight deck. Human Factors Analysis and Classification System (HFACS) provides a framework for understanding and mitigating human error, a leading factor in aviation incidents. Furthermore, Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT) equips pilots with the knowledge and skills to handle unexpected loss-of-control situations, enhancing resilience under high-stress conditions. By integrating these best practices into flight training curricula, pilot education can evolve beyond regulatory minimums, ensuring graduates are equipped with the competencies required for safe and efficient airline operations.

#### **5. Increase Transparency of Program Effectiveness**

Requiring Part 141 flight schools to report student outcomes, training effectiveness, and operational safety metrics would improve accountability and provide prospective students with data-driven decision-making tools. Recommended metrics include graduation rates and certification success rates, pass/fail rates on FAA knowledge and practical exams, training hours per certificate and remedial training rates statistics, as well as safety-related incidents and pilot proficiency trends.

These metrics would allow for benchmarking across schools and identifying best practices that contribute to pilot success. Additionally, tracking safety-related incidents, remedial training rates, and trends in pilot proficiency assessments would help ensure that training programs maintain high safety and competency standards, ultimately leading to better-prepared pilots entering the industry.

Increased transparency would support more informed decision-making when selecting a flight school and incentivize training effectiveness of high achievement providers. Publicly available data would enable students to evaluate training programs based on measurable success factors rather than marketing claims. The FAA could use these insights to refine training standards, address systemic issues within flight training, and ensure pilot education aligns with real-world operational needs. Establishing a structured reporting system for Part 141 schools would foster a culture of accountability and continuous improvement, ultimately strengthening the pipeline of well-trained pilots entering commercial aviation.



## 6. Incorporate Stakeholder Inclusion and Community Engagement

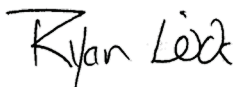
The Associations recognize that flight training operations contribute to noise and environmental pollution. Many of our members have implemented voluntary initiatives to reduce noise and pollution emissions in collaboration with impacted community stakeholders. The practices include avoiding flight maneuvers above populated areas or operating well above minimum altitudes when these areas cannot be avoided. We support the use 94-octane unleaded fuel wherever possible, and the FAA EAGLE's initiative, co-chaired by NATA, for transitioning to 100-octane unleaded fuel when commercially viable.

UAA and NATA, along with Aviation-Impacted Communities Alliance (AICA), Save Our Skies Alliance, and Groton Ayer Buzz (Comment ID FAA-FAA-2024-2531-0004), endorses the City of Phoenix Aviation Department's comment (Comment ID FAA-2024-2531-0003) in its advocacy for "the identification of concepts and actions that improve the responsibility to, communication with, and recognition of impacted communities." Additionally, we endorse the following concepts from the aforementioned comments:

- Proactive engagement with impacted communities when training operations change;
- Collaboration with airport operators, FAA offices, and air traffic officials to balance safety, training efficiency, and community concerns; and
- Public transparency in training schedules and operational data to foster community trust.

On behalf of the Associations' membership representing the flight training community that educate and train the next generation of aviation professionals and business aviation where these professionals will continue their careers, we applaud the FAA's initiative to modernize overdue 14 CFR Part 141 regulations. These reforms will strengthen pilot training, improve efficiency, enhance safety, and foster industry-community collaboration. We urge the FAA to adopt these recommendations to ensure a sustainable and effective pilot training framework.

Sincerely,



Ryan Leick, PhD  
President  
University Aviation Association



Curt Castagna  
President and CEO  
National Air Transportation Association







## SIU School of Aviation Gets High National Marks for Management, Flight Program



CARBONDALE, Ill. -- The Southern Illinois University Carbondale School of Aviation continues to earn national attention.

The program was recently ranked No. 4 among the best schools for students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree in aviation/airway management and operations by College Factual, which looks at the university's overall Best Colleges ranking, along with areas that include major focus, demand for attending the school to pursue a bachelor's degree, allocation of educational resources and accreditation.

The aviation program is also among 10 highlighted universities by The Wright Experience for "Best Aviation Colleges for Pilot Training" in the nation for 2025.

SIU Aviation comprises aviation flight, aviation management and aviation technologies.

Chien-Tsung Lu, director and professor in the School of Aviation, said the organizations examined multiple factors, including employment after graduation.

"We are proud to be recognized as one of the top aviation programs in the United States. That stemmed from the unwavering commitment, dedication and collective efforts of the School of Aviation," Lu said. "This achievement demonstrates the synergy and collaboration among our faculty, staff, upper administration and engaged industry advisory board members, all of whom play a pivotal role in shaping the sound recognition of our three aviation programs."

## Coe College's New Aviation School Takes Flight

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa -- In response to a growing demand for pilots and aviation professionals, Coe College has officially launched its new flight school and aviation management program. The program, which launched this spring, is already in full swing, with 18 students enrolled in its first introductory course.

The program was created in partnership with Revv Aviation and the Eastern Iowa Airport (CID), to help address critical workforce shortages in the airline industry.

A key figure in this new initiative is Marty Lenss, the director of Eastern Iowa Airport (CID), who is not only overseeing the partnership between the college and the airport but also teaching the first class in the program. With a career that spans various roles in the aviation industry, Lenss brings firsthand experience and valuable connections to the classroom.

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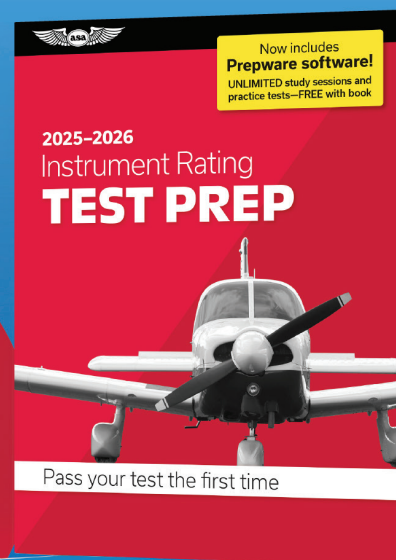
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# FLIGHT SAFETY FOUNDATION

## Seeks Award Nominations

ALEXANDRIA, VA. -- Flight Safety Foundation has opened nominations for the Gloria Heath Trophy and the Richard Crane Award. Both awards will be presented at the Foundation's annual Networking and Awards Dinner, which is scheduled for June 24 at the National Press Club in Washington.

The Gloria Heath Trophy, named in honor of Gloria W. Heath, a founder and early leader of the Foundation, is awarded to recognize a woman for notable achievement in civil aviation. Nominees must be currently working in aviation. Primary selection criteria include achievement in safety leadership and advocacy, a legacy of service, mentorship, and empowerment. More details on the award are available on the [Gloria Heath Trophy page](#) on the Foundation's website. To submit a nomination, please visit the Foundation website or [click here to download the nomination form](#).

The Richard Crane Award recognizes an organization for sustained corporate leadership through lasting contributions in civil aviation. Industry, government, and nongovernment organizations are eligible to be nominated for the award.

The selection committee will consider organizations that have proactively addressed one or more of a number of goals, such as preparing the next generation of leaders, building a culture of innovation, and fostering a resilient and inclusive organization, among others. The full list of criteria is available on the [Crane Award page](#) on the Foundation's website. [To submit a nomination, please click here.](#)

**Nominations for both awards will close on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.**

Heath was an aviator in the U.S. Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) during World War II and was a pioneer during the early days of the commercial aviation industry. She developed the first formal course in aircraft accident investigation and was a driving force behind the Foundation's efforts to disseminate aviation safety information worldwide.

Crane also was an FSF founder, as well as an entrepreneur who launched the first regional airline in the United States in the 1930s. He was a visionary whose critical leadership role in the early days of the Foundation helped establish it as the preeminent global aviation safety advocacy organization.

## Regional Airline Association Opens Applications for 2025 Scholarship Program



The Regional Airline Association (RAA) is now accepting

applications for its 2025 scholarship program, which offers financial support to students pursuing careers in aviation. The RAA Scholarship aims to help the next generation of aviation professionals achieve their educational and career goals while strengthening, expanding, and diversifying the aviation industry's future workforce.

The scholarship is open to individuals pursuing careers as pilots, aircraft maintenance technicians, and other aviation related professions vital to the regional airline industry.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Enrolled in an accredited aviation program at a college or university
- Demonstrated academic excellence and a strong interest in pursuing a career in regional aviation

### How to Apply:

Students can submit their [applications online here](#) by April 30, 2025. The application includes a personal statement, resume, academic transcripts, and a letter of recommendation.

## Hinds College Unveils New Piper



Senator Cindy-Hyde Smith was instrumental in securing federal funding to purchase the Piper 100i airplane to train aviation students as pilots at Hinds County Community College. The new Piper aircraft was unveiled on March 19, 2025.



## FAA Rulemaking Survey

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University researchers invite you to take a short online survey about your views on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and your willingness to participate in the FAA's rulemaking process.

The survey is anonymous and will take just a few minutes. Complete the survey here: [https://erau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8GsXmBSSk33xpu6](https://erau.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8GsXmBSSk33xpu6)



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## A Century in the Sky: Delta Celebrates 100 Years with Museum Refresh



As the first U.S. airline to celebrate its centennial, Delta is honoring the dedication and spirit of the people who propelled the company through a century of flight with the newly renovated Delta Flight Museum. Officially opening Monday, April 7, the vast hangars-turned exhibit and event space captures the airline's unique culture and people-first values, ensuring the stories of Delta's first 100 years will forever be etched into history.

Visitors and event goers alike can immerse themselves firsthand in the Delta culture through multiple interactive exhibits. The brand-new 'Delta Connects You' experience features an immersive extended reality stage demonstrating Delta's ability to bring people together through different cultures and ideas.

Since its inception in 1995, the Delta Flight Museum has invited visitors from around the world to explore aviation history, celebrate the story and people of Delta, and discover the future of flight.

The Museum was renovated with the aviation enthusiast and unique event venue seeker in mind, with availability to rent out the space for all kinds of special events, including business meetings, conferences and even weddings. The Museum is positioned at the heart of the airline's headquarters in its Atlanta hub, giving visitors a front row seat to both the airline's legacy and future.

"The Delta Flight Museum is widely known to our employees and the community as Delta's true home," said Kelley Moore, Executive Director of Delta Flight Museum. "While the museum always offered a close-up look at our aircraft and artifacts, the newly reimagined experience and interactive exhibits allow us to truly showcase the humanity of Delta and the people who made it all possible."

Over a year in the making, the planning and renovation process included a full refresh of the two hangars, from planning new exhibits, scanning archival images and conserving artifacts destined for display.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, renovation funding was provided by The Delta Air Lines Foundation as well as generous gifts from Delta Air Lines employees, retirees and friends of the Museum.

Conserving memorabilia from Delta's 100-year history is no simple task; Delta's history includes more than 40 airlines and five major mergers. Director of Archives, Marie Force, is passionate about preserving and displaying all sorts of artifacts, including model aircraft, employee uniforms and even old engine parts.

"An archivist is a hub of connections and at Delta, I am part of connecting people to our 'Delta Difference' culture," said Force. "Preserving and sharing Delta's history is critical – not just to honor our past but to inspire the future of aviation professionals."

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## Aspiring Pilots at the Liberty University School of Aeronautics Receive Scholarships from King Schools Presented by John and Martha King

SAN DIEGO, CA - John and Martha King, co-chairmen of King Schools, recently piloted their Falcon Jet into picturesque Lynchburg, Virginia, to attend the Liberty University School of Aeronautics (LUSOA) All Aviators Meeting. The distinguished educators addressed students and faculty, sharing insights on how to "Triumph and Be Successful" in their aviation careers. As part of their visit, the Kings also awarded two exceptional students with King Schools scholarships, underscoring their commitment to fostering the next generation of aviation professionals.

Valued at over \$20,000, each scholarship includes a \$5,000 cash award and lifetime access to King Schools' comprehensive library of aviation training courses. This year's recipients were Brooke Bridges, a Residential B.S. Aeronautics Commercial/Corporate student, and Brian Borders, an Online B.S. Aviation student training at Superior Flight School in Atlanta, Georgia, a Liberty Flight Training Affiliate.

John and Martha presented the awards with a 4-foot commemorative check that nearly overshadowed them in size. "We are thrilled to support Liberty University School of Aeronautics in its mission to launch the careers of aspiring pilots," said Martha King.



**Brooke Bridges** is pursuing a career in aviation with passion and determination. A Residential B.S. Aeronautics – Commercial/Corporate student at Liberty University, Brooke is focused on attaining CFI, CFII, and a Commercial Multi-engine rating in the next couple of years.

"This scholarship is a tremendous blessing," Brooke shared. "I desire to teach the next generation of aviators and train them up to be the best pilots they can be. My flight instructors have poured so much of their time and energy into me, so I want to give back and do the same for other aspiring pilots. Being a flight instructor will allow me to gain invaluable teaching experience, deepen my knowledge of aviation, and pass on what I have learned to my students."



**Brian Borders**, training at Superior Flight School in Atlanta, Georgia, has an inspiring story of perseverance. After earning his private pilot license in 2007, he paused his aviation journey due to economic challenges and personal loss. Reinvigorated in 2023 after a visit to Washington, D.C., Brian resumed his training, earning his Instrument Rating and completing the 120-hour Commercial Course.

"This scholarship is a huge help, especially with having two kids in college three if you include me!" Brian said. "The fact that King Schools is not only providing financial support, but also lifetime access to their training is incredible."

## Charleston Southern University Acquires Flight School

Charleston Southern University has purchased Chucktown Flight Training, LLC DBA Carolina Sky Flight Training, a local group based in Summerville, SC, to further its mission of providing a high-quality flight training experience for its fast-growing aeronautics program. The university began its partnership with the flight school in 2021 to offer CSU's inaugural professional pilot degree—the only 4-year collegiate program in the state of South Carolina.

"This is a historic and transformative moment in the life of our university," said CSU President B. Keith Faulkner. "This acquisition allows us to reach greater heights and excellence in our education of the next generation of pilots and managers. Whether they dream of flying for commercial airlines, service in Air Force or Space Force, or using their talents to serve in missions, Charleston Southern's aeronautics program is ready to deliver an outstanding course of study for driven and bright students.

The CSU aeronautics program that started less than four years ago has grown from 19 students to more than 150 students. Year over year, the program has seen a 33% enrollment growth in its three degree tracks: [professional pilot](#), [aerospace management](#), and [aviation maintenance management](#).

"This is truly a thrilling time for CSU Aeronautics," Lloyd Richardson, chair of the CSU Department of Aeronautics, said. "The program reflects the growing need for quality education in the aerospace industry. We look forward to witnessing what God will do next at CSU!"

As a result of this growth, Charleston Southern has committed to a multi-million-dollar investment in the aeronautics program for 2025. In addition to the flight school, the university is providing a centralized location for the aeronautics faculty and staff in its second construction phase for the science and engineering building this summer. A new flight simulation lab will also be installed in the space.

## Bill Harris Named 2025 NAA Bruce Whitman Trophy Recipient

**BILL  
HARRIS**

**2025 WHITMAN  
TROPHY**



Serving as Director since 1995, Harris oversees communicating AAAA initiatives to senior government leaders, coordinating the Army Aviation Caucus of 52 U.S. Congressmen, publishing Army Aviation Magazine, and providing membership and meeting planning services, including the 10,000-attendee annual Summit and various classified and unclassified Army Aviation meetings.

"Under Bill's leadership, Quad A has become an impactful organization, making U.S. Army Aviation the world standard," said Jim Albaugh, NAA Board Chair. "His passionate dedication to soldiers and their families provides much-needed support so that they can provide unwavering focus to their mission. He embodies the purpose of this award with his hard work benefiting those in service to our country."

Established in 2019 by the NAA Board of Directors, the Bruce Whitman Memorial Trophy honors outstanding individuals

who have made significant contributions to aviation or aerospace in the United States and who, by working with museums and other institutions, have promoted an appreciation by students and the broader public of the sacrifices and legacy of military service members.

Harris is a recognized advocate for U.S. Army Soldiers and families throughout the Army Aviation Community. Under his leadership, AAAA promotes the development and advancement of Army Aviation through professional networking, advocacy, and recognition programs. It provides a platform for military personnel, industry professionals, and aviation enthusiasts to collaborate, share knowledge, and address challenges in the field.

The 2025 Whitman Trophy will be presented at the NAA Fall Awards. For more information, please visit [naa.aero](http://naa.aero) and follow the NAA social media channels.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) announced today that William "Bill" R. Harris, Jr., Executive Director of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA), has been selected as the 2025 Bruce Whitman Memorial Trophy recipient.

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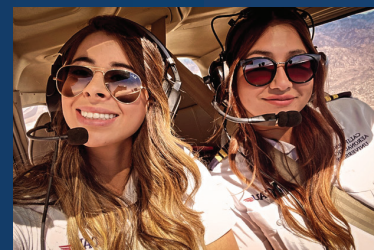
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## Launches Aerospace Education

Dallas College announces the launch of its new Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program. The 13-month program will offer three specialized certificates in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft and aircraft systems. It's designed to prepare students for successful careers as aviation maintenance technicians (AMTs), ensuring that aircraft are safe, operational and meet rigorous FAA regulatory standards.

"Dallas College is taking bold steps to ensure our students are at the forefront of one of the most innovative and essential industries — aviation," said Dallas College Chancellor Justin H. Lonon. Students will benefit from an industry-driven curriculum, taught by experienced instructors with years of aviation expertise. The program prepares students for FAA General, Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) exams through hands-on training in a state-of-the-art hangar located at Dallas Executive Airport.

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## RAA Applauds Nomination of Bryan K. Bedford as FAA Administrator

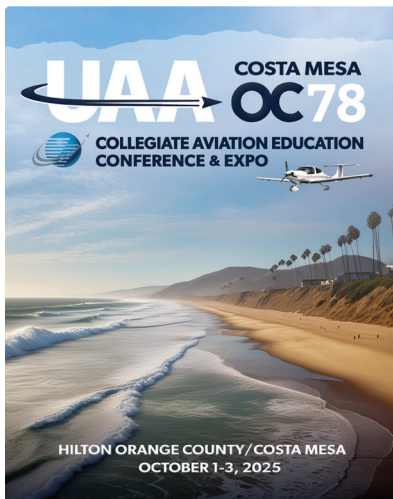
Washington, D.C. -- The Regional Airline Association (RAA) applauds the White House on the nomination of Bryan K. Bedford, CEO of Republic Airways as Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Administrator. RAA strongly supports this nomination and urges the Senate to swiftly confirm Bedford so he can begin to advance policies that ensure safety and reliability, while strengthening our national airspace system. RAA also thanks and commends Acting FAA Administrator Chris Rocheleau, who stepped up as Acting Administrator on January 29 and has provided strong leadership for the Agency during a particularly critical time.

"For more than two decades, I have been privileged to see firsthand the visionary leadership Bryan brought as CEO of Republic Airways, where he led the organization through decades of powerful growth and expansion with integrity, ingenuity, and a relentless focus on safety. He cultivated a safety culture that permeates every aspect of the airline, where people on the front lines of the airline are empowered, every day, to make the right choice for safety," said RAA President & CEO Faye Malarkey Black. "As an RAA Board member,

Bryan never shied away from doing the right thing, even when it meant following a more challenging path. Today, our aviation system is safe, but every aspect is straining and in need of deep repair.

I can think of no better person than Bryan to take up the mantle of leadership at the FAA and set course for a stronger, safer tomorrow."

Bedford is exceptionally well-suited for this role, bringing a deep understanding of aviation's complexities. A thoughtful problem solver, he answers challenges by creating opportunities. In 2018, Bedford led Republic in launching the visionary LIFT Academy, the first airline-owned training academy. As the cutting-edge program began to equip pilots with the skills they need to succeed, LIFT added an aviation maintenance training program, including a technician apprenticeship program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor. Financial support from the airline, including training subsidies and an innovative, "earn while you learn" model, make the program affordable for working-class families.



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## Learn, Network, Connect!

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Connect with over 400 attendees, 70+ colleges and universities, airlines, government agencies, and international industry experts.

### Educational Insights:

Attend more than 40 thought-provoking education sessions led by 85+ experts in collegiate aviation.

### Industry Showcase:

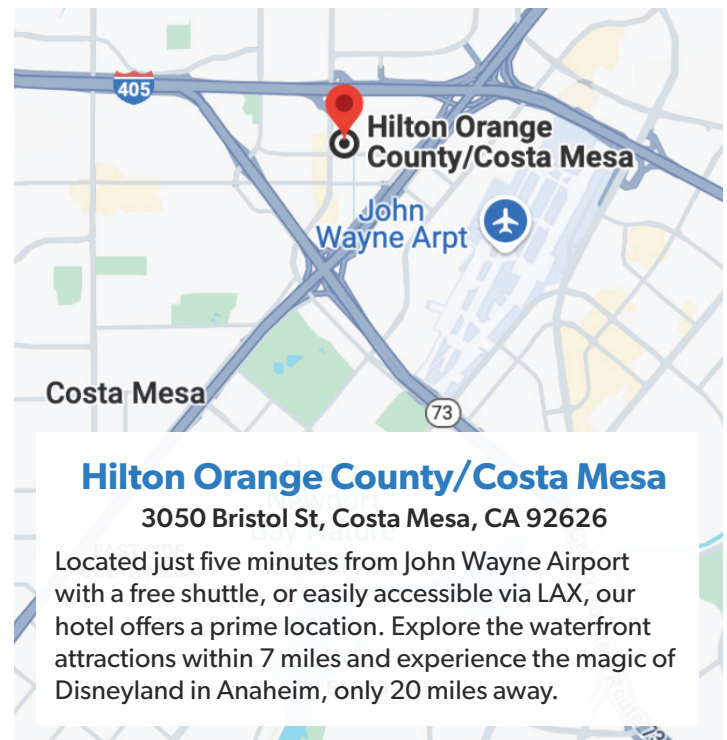
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**Deadline: 6/26/2025**

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**Deadline: 9/30/2025**

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### Air Force -- Research Lab

Collaboration for Innovative Research on Aircraft Structure  
(CIRAS)

**Deadline: 5/11/2026**

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Grant: Boosting Innovative GEOINT - Science & Technology  
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**Basic Qualifications (Required Skill/Experience):**

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- Graduation date on or after August 2025
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## DeVore Freedom of Flight Scholarship

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University Aviation Association (UAA)

### Contact

[www.uaa.aero](http://www.uaa.aero)

5050 Poplar Avenue, Suite 1503  
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### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) or more Scholarships Awarded, Valued at \$1,000 each

### Usual Deadline

**Opens: April 1, 2025**

**Closes: June 30, 2025**

### Description

The DeVore Freedom of Flight Scholarship offers college students an opportunity for initial flight training at schools with FAA Part 141 flight schools.

The Freedom of Flight Scholarship was established to honor Dr. DeVore for his contributions to aviation at the local and national levels. His interests have been in promoting aviation education for our youth and providing them with opportunities to enter into dynamic and rewarding careers in aviation. In September 2001, Dr. DeVore completed a solo flight in a single-engine aircraft that circumnavigated the contiguous 48 states; landing at 40 airports in 36 states to promote aviation scholarships.

### Scholarship Criteria

Open to students entering as undergraduates in a collegiate aviation program; a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or graduate program. Must be admitted, and must be enrolled at the time the award is dispersed, to a University Aviation Association member institution with a Part 141 approved program. Community college and university applicants are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be admitted to, and undertaking, an aviation-related major. A minimum of 3.0 overall GPA on a 4.0 GPA scale. Submit an essay, 250–750 words, demonstrating a love of aviation and a commitment to flight training. Extracurricular involvement/community involvement may be considered. A recommendation letter from a faculty member from a UAA member institution supporting the candidate's application for this scholarship. Students entering a collegiate Part 141 program as a Freshman may use recommendation letters from other sources.

## Eugene S. Kropf Scholarship

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### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) or more Scholarships Awarded, Valued at \$500 each

### Usual Deadline

**Opens: April 1, 2025**

**Closes: June 30, 2025**

### Description

The University Aviation Association (UAA) annually awards a \$500 scholarship to applicants who are enrolled in an aviation-related curriculum at a UAA member college or university, and have achieved sophomore status at the institution. The award will be made to U.S. Citizens without regard to gender, race, religion, or national origin.

### Scholarship Criteria

Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen. Applicant must be enrolled in and plan to continue a college curriculum leading to a two-year, four-year, or post-graduate degree in the field of aviation. Proof of enrollment must be provided prior to distribution of award. At the time of application, the applicant must be officially enrolled in a UAA member institution in an aviation-related program. Member must have completed 30 or more credit hours (or the equivalent for Sophomore status) at the UAA institution and must include the institution's UAA number with the application. No exceptions to this criterion. Credits must have been completed and on your transcript at the time of application. Applicant must have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

In addition to the completed application, candidates are required to submit a 250-word typed, double-spaced paper addressing the topic: "How Can I Improve Aviation Education." This paper should be direct and focused, offering specific insights and suggestions.

## UAA TIPS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR BEST APPLICATION

- Read the requirements and follow all directions paying attention to the details.
- If a certified transcript is required – be sure it is certified.
- Write a great essay AND keep essays within the specified word count.
- Don't miss the deadline and start early.
- Make sure your application package is complete and ALL requested material is included. Incomplete application will not be reviewed.
- Do not include things that are not requested in the application – i.e. photos, videos, etc.
- Proofread and review thoroughly before submission and having a mentor review for completeness prior to submission.
- Don't ignore small awards. Small awards can add up. Plus, the larger the award, the more competition you'll face.



## Joseph Frasca Excellence in Aviation Scholarship

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### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) or more Scholarships Awarded, Valued at \$2,000 each

### Usual Deadline

**Opens: April 1, 2025**

**Closes: June 30, 2025**

### Description

The Frasca family established this scholarship through the University Aviation Association (UAA) in the name of their son, Joseph Frasca. Joseph excelled as an undergraduate aviation student earning a reputation as a dedicated and competent scholar. His tireless efforts to promote and support aviation resulted in significant worldwide contributions to the industry and his abilities as an aerobatic pilot and ambassador of aviation provided many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people.

### Aim of Scholarship

The Joseph Frasca Excellence in Aviation Scholarship was established through the University Aviation Association to encourage others to reach the highest level of achievement in their aviation studies and awards \$2,000. It is bestowed upon those who demonstrate a commitment and devotion to aviation in the tradition of Joseph Frasca.

### Scholarship Criteria

This prestigious aviation scholarship recognizes exceptional individuals dedicated to a future in aviation. To be considered, candidates must demonstrate a sustained commitment to excellence in the field, both academically and practically. This commitment should be clearly evident through several avenues, including consistently outstanding performance in aviation-related coursework, active and meaningful engagement in relevant extracurricular activities such as aviation clubs or flight teams, and demonstrable participation in significant aviation events and recognized organizations. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is required to ensure a strong foundation of academic proficiency. Furthermore, applicants must hold a valid and current FAA certification or qualification, specifically within either aviation maintenance or flight operations, showcasing a tangible and practical level of professional skill and a commitment to hands-on experience.

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### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,000

### Usual Deadline

**Opens: April 1, 2025**

**Closes: June 30, 2025**

### Description

To provide financial support for men and women pursuing a future in aviation and/or space-related fields. The scholarship will provide opportunities to emerging aviation professionals to achieve their academic goals and contribute their talents to the aviation industry.

### Scholarship Criteria

The student must be a U.S. Citizen and sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student. Must be enrolled at a University Aviation Association member institution in an aviation or space-related major. Community college and university applicants encouraged. Overall 3.0 GPA.

### Preferred

FAA certification as a pilot or mechanic. Former military service or current military service via active duty, ROTC, Air National Guard or Reserves while in school. Membership in an aviation-related association or professional group such as the UAA.

### Selection Process

Following the application period, a selection committee of experienced aviation professionals will carefully review all submissions. The committee will choose the scholarship recipient(s) based on a comprehensive evaluation of the following key areas:

**Academic Merit:** This includes a review of grades, relevant coursework, and overall academic performance.

**Demonstrated Passion for Aviation and Space:** The committee will assess the applicant's clear interest and enthusiasm for the aviation and space fields, often shown through essays and activities.

**Financial Need:** The applicant's financial situation will be considered to ensure the scholarship supports those who need it most.

**Leadership Potential:** The committee will look for evidence of leadership skills, such as initiative and teamwork.

**Community Involvement:** Participation in community activities and contributions will be taken into account.

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### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$5,000

### Usual Deadline

**Opens: April 1, 2025**

**Closes: June 30, 2025**

### Description

To provide financial support for men and women pursuing a future in aviation. The scholarship will provide opportunities to emerging aviation professionals to achieve their academic goals and contribute their talents to the aviation industry.

### Flight Training Scholarship Criteria

Applicants must be a U.S. Resident, at least 18 years of age at the date of application, enrolled in a University Aviation Association member institution at the time of application, hold a current FAA private pilot certificate, and must be pursuing an instrument, multi-engine, or commercial pilot rating. Must be supported by an official letter of recommendation from faculty. Preference given to Piedmont Cadet program members.

## Piedmont Airlines Scholarships for Non-Flight

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### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$5,000

### Usual Deadline

**Opens: April 1, 2025**

**Closes: June 30, 2025**

### Non-Flight Training Scholarship Criteria

Applicants must be a U.S. Resident, at least 18 years of age at the date of application, enrolled in a University Aviation Association member institution at the time of application, hold a current FAA private pilot certificate, and must be pursuing an instrument, multi-engine, or commercial pilot rating. Must be supported by an official letter of recommendation from faculty. Preference given to Piedmont Cadet program members.

**Captain Jodi Callahan Memorial Scholarship**

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Arlington, VA 22209

**Amount(s) Awarded**

Three (3) Scholarships Awarded, Valued at \$2,000 each

**Usual Deadline**

April

**Scholarship Criteria**

A completed application is required. One (1) letter of recommendation from your Air or Space Force supervisor or commander, which includes a character reference, a description of your performance and an assessment of your potential as an Air Force leader and volunteer. All letters need an ink stained signature for acceptance. Letters without this will not be considered. Proof of acceptance or enrollment in a Master's program at an accredited college or university. A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent) is required.

**Colonel Loren J. Spencer Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Force Association (AFA)

**Contact**

[www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

1501 Lee Highway  
Arlington, VA 22209

**Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$5,000

**Usual Deadline**

April

**Description**

This scholarship is made possible through a generous endowment from the Spencer estate. It provides funds to United States Air Force personnel (officer or enlisted, Air Force civilian, full-time National Guard and full-time Reserve) to pursue graduate level education in management and administration fields in for senior level leadership role.

**Chuck Peacock Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

**Contact**

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

**Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

**Usual Deadline**

April

**Description**

Given by Wanda Peacock in memory of her late husband, Chuck Peacock. As the founder of the Aircraft Electronics Association, Peacock credited his aviation and business management skills as the cornerstones for his success in the industry. This scholarship is offered to recognize the importance of management skills, and is available to a high school senior or college student who plans to attend or is attending an accredited school in an aviation management program.

**Scholarship Criteria**

Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Restricted to students studying Aviation/Aerospace.

**Dr. Sydel Perlmutter Gold Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Force Association (AFA)

**Contact**

[www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

1501 Lee Highway  
Arlington, VA 22209

**Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$5,000

**Usual Deadline**

April

**Description**

This scholarship is made possible by a generous contribution from Dr. Ted Gold in memory of his wife, Dr. Sydel Gold. Sydel was a pioneer for women in math and science, earning her Ph.D. in Theoretical Mathematics in 1973; when she was already the mother of three.

**Scholarship Criteria**

Qualified applicants must submit a complete online application. Eligible applicants will be: Female graduating high school seniors who have excelled in mathematics; Accepted into an accredited four-year college or university; Pursuing a bachelor's degree in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) field; Dependents of currently serving, retired, or deceased Air Force members.

Preference will be given to applicants who: Are first-generation college students; Have demonstrated financial need based on most recent submitted FAFSA.



### **Duncan Aviation Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

#### **Contact**

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

#### **Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

#### **Usual Deadline**

April

#### **Description**

More than 20 years ago, the Duncan Family Trust set aside funding for the Karen K. Duncan Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to the children of Duncan Aviation team members for use toward a post-secondary education.

#### **Scholarship Criteria**

This scholarship is available to a high school senior or college student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

### **Garmin Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

#### **Contact**

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

#### **Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,000

#### **Usual Deadline**

April

#### **Description**

Available to a high school senior or college student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

#### **Scholarship Criteria**

Have a scanned file of your most recent high school or college transcript on your computer. Prepare your responses to the Questions & Essay section before you start the application. Applications received without completed information will not be considered.

### **Dutch & Ginger Arver Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

#### **Contact**

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

#### **Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

#### **Usual Deadline**

April

#### **Description**

Open to all AEA members, their children, grandchildren or dependents. This scholarship may be used for avionics or aircraft at an accredited college or university and will be applied toward tuition only.

#### **Scholarship Criteria**

Available to a high school senior or college student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

### **Garmin-Jerry Smith Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

#### **Contact**

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

#### **Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

#### **Usual Deadline**

April

#### **Description**

Available to a high school, college, or vocational/technical school student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

#### **Scholarship Criteria**

Have a scanned file of your most recent high school or college transcript on your computer. Prepare your responses to the Questions & Essay section before you start the application. Applications received without completed information will not be considered.

**Gene Baker Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

**Contact**

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

**Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

**Usual Deadline**

April

**Scholarship Criteria**

Applicant must be an AEA member or a child, grandchild, or dependent of an AEA member (AEA members include all regular, associate, academic and international members of AEA). Must be at least a high school senior or high school graduate. Must plan to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post secondary institution or international equivalent. Must have a minimum grade point average of at least 2.5 (based on a 4.0 grade point scale).

**Gogo Business Aviation Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

**Contact**

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

**Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,500

**Usual Deadline**

April

**Description**

Available to a high school, college, or vocational/technical school student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

**Scholarship Criteria**

Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Must be enrolled full-time. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Restricted to students studying aviation/aerospace.

**ICAS Foundation/GAMA Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

**Contact**

[www.gama.aero](http://www.gama.aero)

1400 K Street Northwest, Suite 801  
Washington, DC 20036

**Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,000

**Usual Deadline**

April

**Description**

The ICAS Foundation has joined with GAMA to provide assistance to students seeking an aviation-related degree. Eligible students are those who are enrolled in an aviation related degree program, such as professional pilot, maintenance/engineering, or aviation business.

**Scholarship Criteria**

An applicant must: Be a current student at a U.S. high school, graduating in the spring of the year the scholarship is offered; Be accepted to and enrolling in an institution for an aviation-related degree program; Have a 3.0 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

**John & Blanche Lee Lindsay Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Force Association (AFA)

**Contact**

[www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

1501 Lee Highway  
Arlington, VA 22209

**Amount(s) Awarded**

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,500

**Usual Deadline**

April

**Scholarship Criteria**

Parent or legal guardian of the applicant must be Active Duty, veteran, or retired service members, reservists, or National Guard members of the United States Air Force. Applicant must: Be pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university; Provide a Statement of Purpose describing how the scholarship will assist in meeting their educational goals; Provide the most current transcript or, if not yet enrolled, proof of acceptance into an accredited college or university; Provide one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor, counselor, or work/volunteer supervisor.



## Johnny Davis Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

### Contact

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Description

Named in memory of Johnny Davis, President of Dallas Avionics in Dallas, Texas, who supported the general aviation industry for more than 30 years and served as an AEA Associate Board Member.

### Scholarship Criteria

Available to a high school, college, or vocational/technical school student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

## Lee Tarbox Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

### Contact

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,500

### Usual Deadline

April

### Description

Given by Pacific Southwest Instruments.

### Scholarship Criteria

Available to a high school, college, or vocational/technical school student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

## Lt. Col. Romeo & J. Bass Ferretti Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Force Association (AFA)

### Contact

[www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

1501 Lee Highway  
Arlington, VA 22209

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$5,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Description

This scholarship is made possible by a bequest from the estate of Lt Col Romeo and Josephine Bass Ferretti and was established for minor dependents of active duty or retired Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and Space Force enlisted Airmen and Guardians. It is for students pursuing an Undergraduate Degree in the area of science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has graduated from high school in 2025, and who is entering their first year at an accredited university.

### Scholarship Criteria

- (1) To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must submit a complete application package through our online system. This package must include all required supporting materials, as detailed below:
- (2) A personal essay, no more than 600 words (approximately two typed, double-spaced pages), detailing your academic achievements to date and outlining your future academic and career goals. Within this essay, please also clearly articulate how receiving this scholarship will specifically contribute to the successful attainment of those stated goals.
- (3) One (1) letter of recommendation. This letter should be written by someone who can speak to your abilities and character, such as a teacher, a supervisor from a work or volunteer experience, or the director of an organization in which you are involved. The letter must be signed by the recommender.
- (4) An official copy of your high school transcript.
- (5) Proof of acceptance into an accredited college or university. This proof must clearly state your intended major, which must be in one of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math) fields of study. The acceptance letter must be on official college/university stationery and originate from the admissions office, registrar's office, or financial aid office.

## Marshall Temple Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

### Contact

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Description

Named in memory of Marshall E. Temple, founder of Temple Electronics in Houston, Texas. Temple, a U.S. Navy veteran, started his business in 1973, which has been an AEA member ever since. This scholarship is available to a high school senior or college student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

### Scholarship Criteria

Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Must study full-time. Must be a U.S. Citizen. Restricted to students studying aviation/aerospace.

## Mid-Continent Instruments & Avionics Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

### Contact

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Scholarship Criteria

This scholarship is available to a high school senior or college student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

## Mike & Gail Donley Spouse Scholarships

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Force Association (AFA)

### Contact

[www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

1501 Lee Highway  
Arlington, VA 22209

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$5,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Description

Michael Donley was the 22nd Secretary of the Air Force, with more than 30 distinguished years of service in the National Security Community, including service in the Senate, White House, and the Pentagon. Secretary Donley was the longest serving Secretary in Air Force history and an outstanding leader. He and Mrs. Gail Donley have been unwavering champions of our Airmen, airpower, and their families.

### Scholarship Criteria

The applicant must be a spouse of Air Force Active Duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, Space Force, or Department of the Air Force Civilian employee to be eligible. Spouses who are themselves Air or Space Force personnel, or in ROTC, are not eligible. A copy of your most recent official transcript verifying your minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher. The transcript must have your name on it and show that you are enrolled for the minimum number of hours (6 credit hours for undergraduate study and 3 credit hours for graduate study). You must be in a degree program. Certification programs are not eligible. If you are not currently enrolled, then in addition to an official, original transcript, include a letter from your college or university that confirms your intent to carry the required hours next semester. This must be an original letter on college or university stationery from the admissions office or the registrar. If you have no prior college or university course work, include proof of acceptance to an accredited college or university. This must be an original letter on college or university stationery from the admissions office or the registrar. In an essay, describe your academic and career goals and the motivation which led you to this decision. Discuss how Air Force involvement or local community activities in which you are involved will enhance your goals. Two (2) signed letters of recommendation should be character references and descriptions of your performance and potential as a student, employee or volunteer. The (2) two letters must be from different sources. The letters can be from professors, employers or volunteer organizations. You may also request a letter from your local AFA Chapter. Please remember that your uploaded letters must have an ink-signed, legal signature in the signature block.



## Pat Napolitano Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

### Contact

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$3,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Scholarship Criteria

Available to all graduating seniors or current college students pursuing their Aviation Technician Certification.

## Stone Foundation Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

### Contact

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Scholarship Criteria

This scholarship is available to a high school senior or college student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program.

## Regional Airline Association Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Regional Airline Association (RAA)

### Contact

[www.raa.org](http://www.raa.org)

1201 15th Street Northwest, Suite 430  
Washington, DC 20005

### Amount(s) Awarded

Three (3) Scholarships Awarded, Valued at \$4,000 each

### Usual Deadline

April

### Purpose

The primary purpose of the Regional Airline Association Scholarship is to assist with the education of individuals who are studying for a career in the airline industry.

### Scholarship Requirements

Applicants must be officially enrolled in an accredited college or university in a program leading to a career in the airline industry at the time of application and award. Applicants will be considered from other programs/majors, if the applicant's goal of a career in airline management can be demonstrated through work experience or the personal essay; Applicants must possess a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale at the time of the application.

## Sporty's Foundation Recreational Pilot Certificate

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

### Contact

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$5,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Description

Sponsored by The Sporty's Foundation, this scholarship is available to avionics technicians or avionics managers of an AEA Repair Station Member to use toward achieving their Private Pilot Certificate.

### Award Information / Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must be employed by an AEA Regular Member for no less than one (1) year as an avionics technician or avionics manager. Award money is to be used for achieving PRIVATE PILOT CERTIFICATE. The award money is not intended for use in achieving any other rating or certificate. Award money is to be used for flight training costs only. Email application, essay and employer recommendation: [info@aea.net](mailto:info@aea.net).

## Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Force Association (AFA)

### Contact

[www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

1501 Lee Highway  
Arlington, VA 22209

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,000

### Usual Deadline

April

### Description

This scholarship is made possible by a contribution from Col Conway B. Jones, Jr., in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen; a group of African-American airmen who fought in World War II at a time when racial segregation was practiced in the military and much of society in general. Their extraordinary legacy as dauntless trailblazers is captured in the Air Force refrain that challenges souls dreaming of skies to conquer to give us wings, ever to soar. In their spirit, this scholarship is offered to Air and Space Force personnel, and their families, to pursue and conquer their challenges.

### Scholarship Criteria

Applicant must include an essay of not more than 600 words describing how this scholarship will assist in achieving their educational goals and how these goals support the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. One (1) letter of recommendation written by a teacher, a supervisor, a counselor, or the director of an organization in which you participate. If the applicant is a current or recent high school, college, or university student, an unofficial transcript is required. Cumulative GPA must be at least 3.0. Acceptance or enrollment into an accredited college/university, unless pursuing pilot training. A copy of your, your spouse's, or your parent's/guardian's DD214, or proof of military service such as a front and back copy of a military ID card.

## Universal Avionics Systems Corp. Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Aircraft Electronics Association (AEA)

### Contact

[www.aea.net](http://www.aea.net)

3570 Northeast Ralph Powell Road  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$1,500

### Usual Deadline

April

### Scholarship Criteria

Available to a high school senior or college student who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited school in an avionics or aircraft maintenance program. Applicants must have a scanned file of your most recent high school or college transcript on your computer. Prepare your responses to the Questions & Essay section before you start the application. Applications received without completed information will not be considered.

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## ATCA Full-Time Employee Student Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA)

### Contact

[www.atca.org/scholarships](http://www.atca.org/scholarships)

225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,000 - \$10,000

### Usual Deadline

May

### Description

Full-time employees enrolled in advanced study programs to improve their skills in air traffic control or an aviation discipline.

### Scholarship Criteria

Applicant must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university and planning to continue enrollment the following year. Coursework leads to a Bachelor's Degree or advanced degree. Attendance is equal to at least half-time (6 semester hours or the equivalent). Must have a minimum of 30 semester or 45 credit hours still to be completed before graduation. Two letters of recommendation in support of the application for the ATCA Scholarship Program.

## Gabriel A. Hartl Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA)

### Contact

[www.atca.org/scholarships](http://www.atca.org/scholarships)

225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,000 - \$10,000

### Usual Deadline

May

### Description

Students enrolled half- to full-time in a two- to four-year air traffic control program at an institution approved and/or licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration as directly supporting the FAA's college and training initiative.

### Scholarship Criteria

Applicant must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university and planning to continue enrollment the following year. Coursework leads to a Bachelor's Degree or advanced degree. Must have a minimum of 30 semester or 45 credit hours still to be completed before graduation. Two letters of recommendation in support of the application for the ATCA Scholarship Program.

## Buckingham Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA)

### Contact

[www.atca.org/scholarships](http://www.atca.org/scholarships)

225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,000 - \$10,000

### Usual Deadline

May

### Description

U.S. Citizen, children of air traffic control specialists enrolled half- to full-time in a program leading to a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

### Scholarship Criteria

Applicant must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university, and planning to continue enrollment the following year. Coursework leads to a Bachelor's Degree or advanced degree. Attendance is equal to at least half-time (6 semester hours or the equivalent). Must have a minimum of 30 semester or 45 credit hours still to be completed before graduation. Two letters of recommendation in support of the application for the ATCA Scholarship Program.

## Lawrence C. Fortier Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor  
Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA)

### Contact

[www.atca.org/scholarships](http://www.atca.org/scholarships)

225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314

### Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) Scholarship Awarded, Valued at \$2,000 - \$10,000

### Usual Deadline

May

### Scholarship Criteria

Applicant must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university and planning to continue enrollment the following year. Coursework leads to a Bachelor's Degree or advanced degree. Attendance is equal to at least half-time (6 semester hours or the equivalent). Must have a minimum of 30 semester or 45 credit hours still to be completed before graduation. Two letters of recommendation in support of the application for the ATCA Scholarship Program.

**Indiana State University**  
**Tenure Track Assistant Professor**

Indiana State University's Aviation Technology Department is seeking applications for a Tenure Track Assistant Professor or Multi-Year Contract Instructor. Duties include undergraduate courses in the Aviation Department's Degree Programs. This is a nine-month position with the possibility of summer teaching assignments.

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**Department:**

The Aviation Technology Department is one of four departments within the Bailey College of Engineering and Technology. Contained within the department is the Aviation Management, Professional Aviation Flight Technology and Unmanned Systems Program.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For full consideration, submit application materials by March 21, 2025. For more information and to apply, please go to: <https://jobs.indstate.edu/postings/50122>

Attach a letter of application/cover letter, vitae/resume, a list of three references, and unofficial transcripts to the online application.

If you have questions please contact Xiaolong Li, Chair, Faculty Search Committee, department of Aviation, Indiana State University, Terre Haute IN 47809.

[xiaolong.li@indstate.edu](mailto:xiaolong.li@indstate.edu); (812) 237-3457

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## Morningside University

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#### Responsibilities:

- Teach undergraduate Aviation courses in areas including, but not limited to, flight operations, aviation law, air traffic control, aviation meteorology, human factors, aviation safety and security, and airport planning and administration.
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- Engage in service to the university and participate in professional development activities.
- Collaborate with Oracle Aviation, the Chief Flight Instructor, the Director of Aviation, and the Dean to deliver:
  - Professional Flight air and ground schools.
  - The Aviation Management major.
- Assist with the marketing and recruitment of students to Morningside's aviation program.

#### Required Qualifications:

- A Master's degree in Aviation or a closely related field from a regionally accredited institution is required.
- A Doctoral degree in Aviation is preferred.
- Experience in a FAR Part 141 ground school setting is preferred.
- Although this position does not involve flight instruction, possession of FAA Advanced ratings is preferred.

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## University of Dubuque

### Faculty in Aviation Flight Operations

The University of Dubuque (UD) is actively seeking dedicated full-time faculty members specializing in flight operations for our esteemed aviation program, for Fall 2025. This role is integral to shaping the future of aviation through education and hands-on training.

Candidates should hold a master's degree in aviation, aerospace, engineering, or management, with a doctorate being highly desirable. While prior teaching experience is not a prerequisite, it can be an added advantage. The role necessitates having FAA ground or flight instructor certification capable of instructing private, instrument, and commercial ground school courses - multi-engine preferred.

Experience with turbine/jet operations is highly desired, especially if coupled with FAA part 121 or 135 experience.

#### Main job duties include:

- 24 credit hours per year in our accredited aviation program
- Advising students
- Maintaining a professional agenda
- Actively participating in the broader life of the University

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If not interested in full-time, UD is also seeking Adjunct Instructors in Aviation, both in-person and remotely online. For a complete list of employment opportunities, [visit our website](#).

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The UAA newsletter is circulated to over 2,100 contacts and over 400 institutions and aviation professionals.

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Member Fee: \$285

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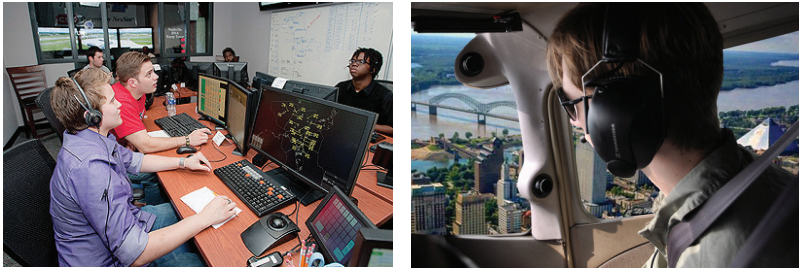
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Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS OF NOTE

<b>World Aviation Training Symposium</b>	<b>April 7-10</b>	<b>Orlando, FL</b>
<b>NBAA Maintenance Conference</b>	<b>April 29-May 1</b>	<b>Columbus, OH</b>
<b>Aerospace Medical Association Scientific Meeting</b>	<b>June 1-6</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
<b>Professional Asian Pilots Association Conference</b>	<b>June 2-4</b>	<b>Las Vegas, NV</b>
<b>AAAE Conference &amp; Exposition</b>	<b>June 8-10</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
<b>American School Counselor Association Conference</b>	<b>July 12-15</b>	<b>Long Beach, CA</b>
<b>EAA Air Venture</b>	<b>July 21-27</b>	<b>Oshkosh, WI</b>
<b>Sun n Fun Aerospace Expo</b>	<b>August 1-6</b>	<b>Lakeland, FL</b>
<b>Latino Pilots Association Conference</b>	<b>Sept. 18-19</b>	<b>Orlando, FL</b>
<b>National Association College Admission Counselors</b>	<b>Sept. 18-20</b>	<b>Columbus, OH</b>
<b>Regional Air Cargo Carriers Association Conference</b>	<b>Sept. 30-Oct 2</b>	<b>Scottsdale, AZ</b>
<b>UAA Collegiate Aviation Education Conference</b>	<b>October 1-3</b>	<b>Orange County, CA</b>
<b>NBAA Conference</b>	<b>October 14-16</b>	<b>Las Vegas, NV</b>



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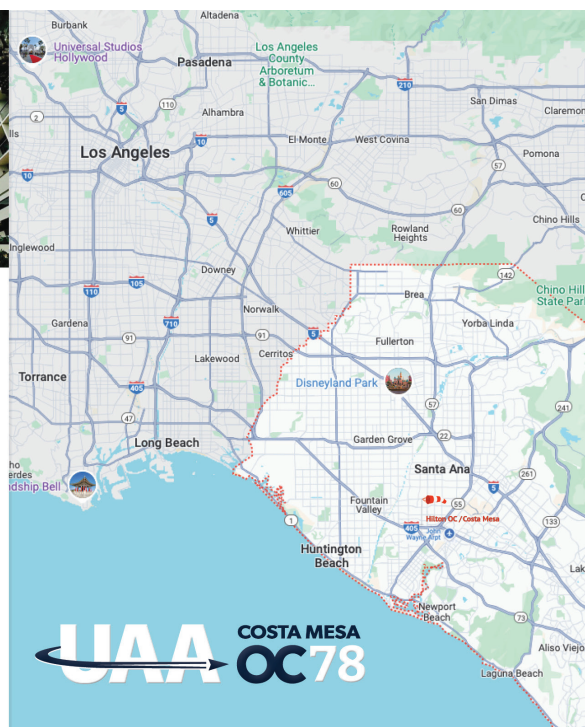
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