



EAA Chapter 179 Awards

2017 Aviation Scholarships and Air
Academy Recipients

KUDOS

Thanks to Chapter 179 for all the pancake flipping and burger flopping and the generosity of private donors!

We were able to award 5 Aviation Scholarships and 2 full tuitions to the Oshkosh Air Academy that were selected from a record number of applicants—20—with five from out of state.

The amount awarded shattered previous records—over \$10,400 was awarded!

- Joy and Keith Beasley past scholarship champions
- Current Scholarship Selection Committee
 - Joyce Woods
 - Bob Waters
 - Will Taylor
 - Steve Rokicki
 - Randy Reimer
 - Lee Otto
 - Dan Horschel



Aviation Scholar Recipients & Air Academy Tuition

Aviation Scholarship

- Zachary Andrews
- Nathan Mendoza
- Ryan Moloney
- Nicholas Pashenkov
- Kasia Segieda

Air Academy Tuition

- Larissa Stickney
- Sam Baczkewicz



Zachary Andrews-Aviation Scholarship

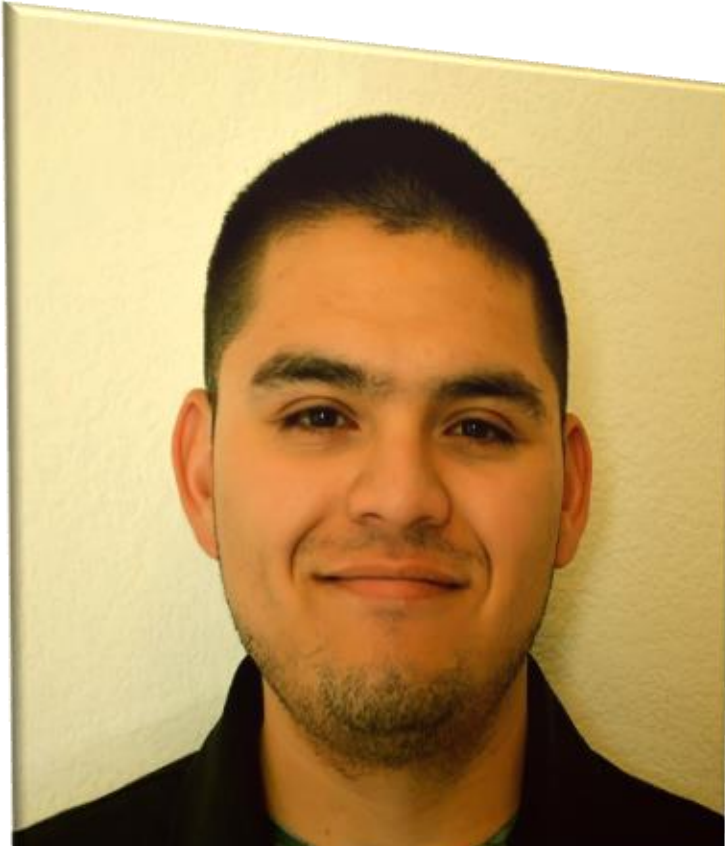


Thank you so much!
Jay Schmitt Memorial
Scholarship

- Zachary Andrews is a senior at **Albuquerque Academy**.
- He has been interested in aviation my entire life. My father was a pilot in the Army and in the Air Force. I grew up on military bases and going to air shows.
- Last summer he was fortunate enough to win a scholarship to attend the **DEAA week long aviation camp**. It was a wonderful experience and fueled my desire to continue a career in aviation.
- Currently, he is working on getting his **private pilot's license** as part of his senior project.
- He has applied to attend the **United States Air Force Academy** and serve our country as an Air Force pilot.



Nathan Mendoza-Aviation Scholarship

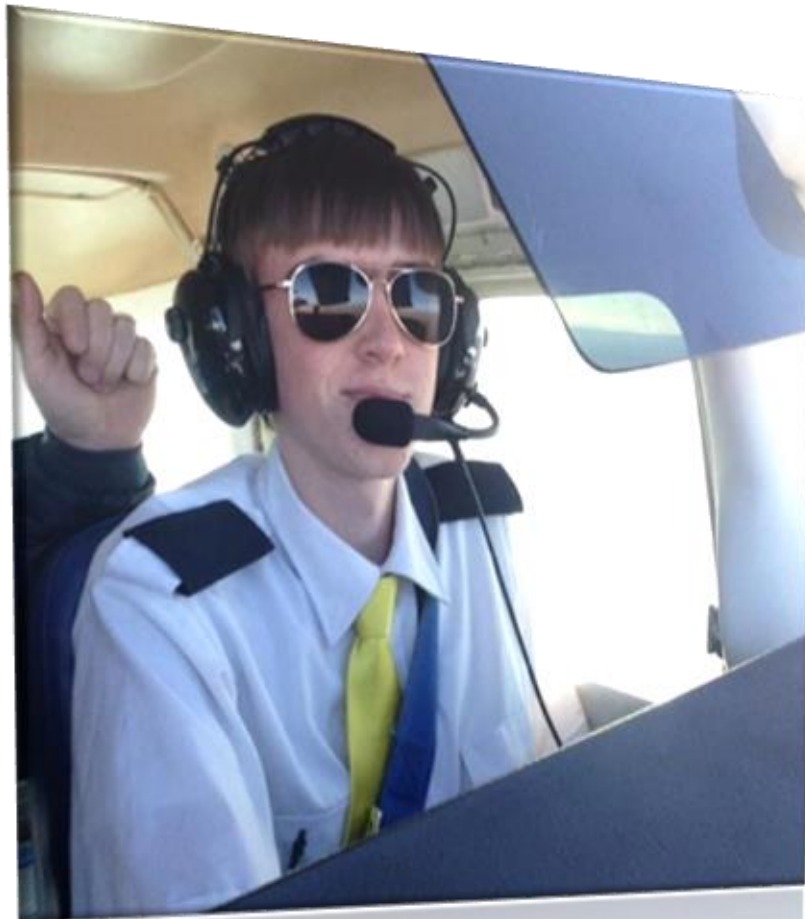


I am very honored and thankful to know that EAA Chapter 179 has awarded me as one of their recipients for the **Bob Hartman Memorial Scholarship**.

- Nathan is a current full-time student.
- When he was young he saw his cousin join the U. S. Army and deploy overseas to work on CH-47 Chinooks. Nathan saw pictures of his deployed cousin working on aircraft and became more interested in Aviation.
- In middle school, Nathan enrolled in **Civil Air Patrol** where his interest grew.
- Nathan joined the **New Mexico Air National Guard** as an Aerospace Propulsion Mechanic and has received his **Airframe license** and is currently working toward his **Powerplant license** in Aviation Maintenance Technology at Central New Mexico Community College.
- He will then transfer to Utah State University in the fall to obtain his bachelor's degree in **Aviation Maintenance Management** as well as acquire a private pilot's license.
- He hopes to commission into the **Utah Air National Guard** as an Officer.
- He hopes to come back to New Mexico and commit time to the community in order to spread his knowledge and passion of aviation with those that are interested.



Ryan Moloney-Aviation Scholarship



Sweet. I am so excited to be selected!

- Ryan's interest in aviation began in the third grade with his first EAA pancake breakfast at the Los Lunas airfield. The plane he flew in was named Shrek, a green and white Cessna. It was amazing and course altering experience. His family and he have based a lot of his future on that one experience: everything from the school they chose -- **Southwest Secondary Learning Center** for their flight program -- to the extracurricular activities, **Civil Air Patrol** for their Aeronautics program.
- As a senior at Southwest Secondary he is pursuing his private pilots certification. He is earning his 40 hours in the school's plane with instructor Mr. Gallagher. He is also studying for his FAA written.
- His career goal is to earn an **A & P certificate** at CNM. He is a hands-on person who enjoys repairing things. A big thrill was being able to volunteer with repair work on **EAA's B-17, *Aluminum Overcast*** when she was here in Oct. 2015 and Dec. 2016. This was an opportunity for him to be a part of what he loves, old historical items and tweaking and repairing things. This was also a way of giving back.
- He has volunteered with EAA through helping with repairs on *Aluminum Overcast*: giving tours; helping with LOEFI, set up and break down; and in 2016 Joyce Woods invited Ryan to teach a class on compass heading for the Double Eagle Aviation Adventure. Ryan has experienced many adventures in aviation with the help of EAA and its members.





Nicholas Pashenkov-Aviation Scholarship



Thank you for the scholarship. I am truly honored.

- Nick became interested in aviation at seven years old when his father bought **Microsoft Flight Simulator X (2007)** with a joystick. My interest was further developed when his brother surprised him on his 10th birthday with a **flight in a WWII North American T-6 Texan Trainer** aircraft.
- He is currently a student pilot who has completed ground school and is **training in a Cessna 172N**.
- He is also dual enrolled with Eastern New Mexico University -- Roswell (ENMU-R) where he is taking **Flight Physiology**.
- Nick's career goal in aviation is to be commercially rated, and the ability to travel to any airport in the world.
- He has signed up to be the Director of Aviation, Mr. Daren Gallacher's student aide for aviation to help him with the sophomore and junior classes. This included some **teaching in full-motion Redbird simulators** using the knowledge and methods he was taught.



Kasia Segieda-Aviation Scholarship



I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to every member and person who contributed to the scholarship and making the decision to award me with it. I cannot begin to express how thankful and excited I am for this opportunity to further my education in the aviation world

- “My aviation journey started off when I was a little girl, and you can say I was born with flying in my blood!” exclaims Kasia. Growing up, she was always around aviation. Her favorite role models were: Patty Wagstaff, Teresa Stokes and Sean D. Tucker. For the past ten years, she has had the blessing of visiting EAA’s Airventure in Oshkosh, WI. Through Oshkosh, she met some of the biggest names in aerobatics and even hold the ribbon poles for Sean D. Tucker’s performance.
- Currently, she is a student at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville. In December she will receive her associate’s in **Aviation Management**. A year from now, she’ll add on another AAS in Pilot Training after she flies a little more and take a few more classes. This semester, Kasia is taking classes in Aviation Management, Airport Planning & Management and also Aircraft Dispatch. **In a weeks, she will be taking the written for Dispatch, even though I’m only 21!**
- In her downtime, she enjoys heading to fly-in’s, participating in events and **volunteering for Women in Aviation, her local Women with Wings Chapter, and of course, EAA!** She is planning on giving a few Young Eagles/Eagles rides to introduce newcomers to a life in the skies.
- I plan on **pursuing a career in Aircraft Dispatching** with the airlines once I turn 23, possibly teaching at the airline. I’m excited for what opportunities the wonderful world of aviation may present.



Larissa Stickney-Air Academy Recipient



Thank you so much. I am so excited!

- Lacey became interested in aviation because both **her grandfathers were pilots in World War II**. Their stories of the sky made her fall in love with aviation.
- She is currently enrolled in a flight school at her high school, **SAMS Academy**; She is **flying a Cessna 172 and a DA-40**. She is also taking a flight physiology class from ENMU-R.
- Her carrier goal in aviation is to become a **pilot for law enforcement**.
- **Lacey has volunteered at the Wounded Warrior Project**. At her school she has helped the ground school students in the flight simulators using the same teachings that she was taught when was a student.



Sam Baczkewicz-Air Academy Recipient



I am so thankful that I have this opportunity to attend the EAA Oshkosh Air Academy! It is a once in a life time thing. I hope to learn a lot from this! I hope I will make you proud EAA 179!!!

- "Aviation, is a wonder to, me... It's a big goal of mine; A passion." exclaims Sam. He has loved flight since he was little. The feeling of flight is his sort of freedom. He feels relaxed in the sky...
- Sam is currently flying flight simulators on his own home-built computer. He has a soft spot for the WWII B-17G Flying Fortress, flying it a lot of the time. It is VERY realistic! Anything could fail, all the systems are modeled and everything is accurate.
- He has taken six real flights so far... Ranging from little Cessna's to Alaskan Bush planes. Sam participated in the local ground school "DEAA adventure camp" last year.
- Sam is proud to be an EAA member!!! He is also giving back to EAA by helping with the Ford Tri-motor that will be visiting in April. He was even recently interviewed on the news for the EAA 179 chapter!

