



UAA CONNECT

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I hope that you and your families have a wonderful end-of-the-year holiday season.

It is bittersweet as I end my term as President of the University Aviation Association. However, I will continue to support the Board in my role as past president, and I will mentor and assist the new President, Dr. Ryan Leick, through the next two years. Overall, serving as president over the past two years and serving on the board for over six years has been an unforgettable, serendipitous, and rewarding experience.

Together, we have made strides in growing the organization, increasing engagement and participation, and promoting aviation to new generations of aviation professionals. We have brought in new members and new institutions and have grown our high-school membership and engagement. We were classified as a medium-sized nonprofit organization as recognized by the IRS, surpassing \$500,000 in revenue. Our educational conferences continue to grow, and next year, we will be offering a faculty track as part of our Washington D.C. seminar. Thanks to several supporters, we increased our scholarship funds, giving us additional opportunities to support future generations. We continue to grow our reserve funds, collectively increasing our financial strength to weather economic downturns.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to our board members, committee chairs, Memphis-based staff, volunteers, and active members. A special shoutout to Dawn Vinson, who has supported me and has been a phenomenal mentor throughout my time on the Board. With your leadership, we will continue to grow as an organization, providing invaluable opportunities and resources for our membership and the industry. I will reiterate my call for all our members to engage at a higher level, get involved with committees, help us promote the importance of collegiate aviation within the industry, and run for board or chair positions within UAA. Finally, I ask that you support our new and returning Board of Trustee members and Dr. Ryan Leick as he leads the organization in the next two years.

I look forward to working with you over the next several years and supporting your needs.

Happy Holidays

Chaminda Prelis, Ph.D.
President, University Aviation Association



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Day 1 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM:

Welcome, Team Assignments, Career Panel, Networking and FAA Visit

Morning in Hotel:

On the first day, students will attend a keynote morning session including a keynote presentation followed by a career panel. Following the panel, students will have the opportunity to speak and network with each of the panelists.

Lunch with your team in food court downstairs

Afternoon walk to FAA HQ:

In the afternoon, there will be a visit to the FAA exploring topics such as UAS/AAM, Commercial Space, Safety, and Pilot Mental Health & Certification.

Day 2 - 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM:

Visits to Industry Associations

All day team travel, walk, uber, and metro; lunch on own or with team:

With the faculty facilitators, students will visit industry associations around DC metro introduced to the policy making and regulatory affairs at a variety of different associations including Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA), Airlines For America (A4A), National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), National Air Transportation Association (NATA), and much more!

Day 3 - 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM:

NTSB, GAO, and Congress

Morning walk to NTSB:

Kicking off the day will be a visit to National Transportation Safety Board, an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil transportation accident including aviation accidents & incidents, ship and marine accidents, and railroad accidents. There will be an introduction to the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Lunch in food court downstairs

Afternoon walk to Capitol:

Together we will head to the Capitol and take a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol Building. Optional: Pre-schedule a meeting with your State Representative and/or Visit the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum.

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UAA at the American Airlines Career Day at CR Smith Museum



The University Aviation Association (UAA) recently hosted a successful event at the American Airlines Aviation Career Day on November 8th. Held at the CR Smith Museum, the event attracted hundreds of students in grades 7 through 12. These young people had the opportunity to connect with airline industry professionals, explore collegiate aviation resources, and engage in numerous hands-on STEM activities. UAA further supported these aspiring aviators by providing school counselors, teachers, and students with the Collegiate Aviation Guide and Collegiate Aviation Scholarship catalogs. These resources offer a pathway to over 120 UAA member colleges and universities across the United States, empowering students to pursue careers in the aviation field.

By participating in this event, UAA demonstrated its commitment to inspiring the next generation of aviation professionals. Through exposure to industry leaders, educational resources, and hands-on experiences, UAA helped to cultivate a passion for aviation and guide students towards fulfilling careers in the field.

WELCOME NEW UAA MEMBERS

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Tennessee Takes Flight: UAA and TAA Scholarship Now Open

The University Aviation Association (UAA) is proud to partner with the Tennessee Aviation Association (TAA) for a second year, to offer the Tennessee Aviation Association Scholarship.

Soaring towards a career in aviation? This scholarship offers a \$5,000 boost to deserving undergraduate students in Tennessee. Eligible applicants must be enrolled as sophomores or juniors, majoring in aviation management, aviation maintenance, or professional pilot at a Tennessee institution.

Here's what you'll need to apply:

- A minimum GPA of 3.0
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This is your chance to take flight with the support of UAA and TAA. We look forward to receiving your application!

TSA Readies for Busiest Thanksgiving Travel Period on Record

WASHINGTON – The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is prepared for the busiest Thanksgiving travel period on record and is projected to screen 18.3 million people from Tuesday, Nov. 26 to Monday, Dec. 2, representing a volume increase of approximately 6% from this time in 2023.

TSA projects the three busiest travel days will be Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday after the holiday. The agency expects to screen more than 2.8 million people on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2.9 million for Wednesday, Nov. 27, and more than 3 million people on Sunday, Dec. 1.

TSA has screened more than 2.9 million passengers on multiple days in 2024, but the record for the heaviest passenger volume in TSA history was on Sunday, July 7, when Transportation Security Officers screened more than 3 million people at airport security checkpoints nationwide. TSA may exceed that record this Thanksgiving travel period.

“This holiday season is expected to be one of the busiest travel periods on record, and the vigilant people of the Transportation Security Administration stand ready to ensure the security and ease of travel,” said Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas. “Many members of the TSA workforce will be on duty throughout Thanksgiving Day and week and I am immensely grateful for their selfless dedication and professionalism. I encourage travelers to plan ahead, follow TSA’s travel tips, and take advantage of programs like TSA PreCheck® – simple steps that will make everyone’s journey smoother, our skies safer, and TSA’s job easier.”

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To travel with ease, TSA advises passengers to pack smart and start with an empty bag. Passengers who do so are less likely to bring prohibited items through the checkpoint. All liquids, gels and aerosols must be 3.4 ounces or less when packed in a carry-on bag. Certain foods, such as gravy, cranberry sauce, wine, jam and preserves – which are considered liquids or gels – must be packed in a checked bag if they exceed 3.4 ounces.



If you can spill it, spray it, spread it, pump it or pour it, it is a liquid, aerosol or gel and must be packed in your checked bag if it exceeds the 3.4-ounce limit.

As always, passengers may bring solid foods such as cakes and other baked goods through the checkpoint. Check for prohibited items by using the What Can I Bring? page on [TSA.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) or just ask @AskTSA.





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University of Memphis Recognizes Student Veterans' Academic Excellence



Honoring the Heroes of the Classroom at the inaugural Clement Santi Courage Awards and Veterans Recognition Ceremony, University of Memphis student veteran Brandon Carroll was recognized with the Courage Award for his service and dedication to his education.

Attendees will heard from Chris Bourque, coordinator for Veterans and Military Student Services, and

Tina Pendergrast Santi Flaherty, daughter of the late Clement Santi, whom the Courage award is named after. A Memphis State alumna, she is also an accomplished author and successful corporate executive.

The University of Memphis has been consistently honored for the support it offers to student veterans and alumni. For eight consecutive years, the UofM has been honored as a top Military Friendly School.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude for our student veterans' unwavering service and academic excellence, a true testament to their extraordinary dedication," said Kimberly Grantham, interim vice president for University Advancement. "Each is an example of resilience in both earning a degree and defending our nation. This ceremony honors their ability to balance academic pursuits with safeguarding our freedoms."

Student veterans will be honored with military stoles and cords at the reception. In conjunction with the veteran recognition, Santi Flaherty will present the Clement Santi Courage Scholarship and Book Awards to active-duty and veteran students who have displayed honor, courage and commitment during their service. Santi Flaherty established the Clement Santi Courage Awards in honor of her father to assist these students as they achieve their academic and career goals.

Clement Santi, who arrived at Ellis Island in 1913, exemplified courage as he pursued the American dream. He fought in World War I and was known among the troops to be an amazing cook. While that wasn't his assignment, he took on the role and was able to keep his regiment going even as they ran out of food, taking incredible risks to make sure they survived.

Brandon Carroll's dedication to service shines brightly. In addition to the Clement Santi Courage Award, he was also honored with the Service Leadership Award, recognizing his significant contributions and unwavering commitment to volunteerism and extracurricular activities. His impact on the aviation community is truly inspiring.

ERAU Students Eligible for Immediate FAA ATC Jobs



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has earned Federal Aviation Administration approval for a critical training initiative that offers students in its air traffic control program an accelerated employment path.

The FAA announced on Nov. 20 that it had signed an agreement allowing Embry-Riddle to take part in the Enhanced Air Traffic Collegiate Training Initiative (AT-CTI). Through the Enhanced AT-CTI program, graduates of Embry-Riddle's Air Traffic Management program may be placed directly in FAA facilities for controller training, provided they pass the Air Traffic Skills Assessment (ATSA) exam and meet medical and security requirements.

"The FAA is working to strengthen our controller workforce and create a continuous pipeline of talent," Tim Arel, chief operating officer of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization, said in an agency news release.

Embry-Riddle's Air Traffic Management program had to undergo an extensive audit by the FAA to show that it provides the same high-level curriculum and advanced technology offered at the FAA Air Traffic Controller Academy in Oklahoma City.

Embry-Riddle's Air Traffic Management program has 242 students at its Daytona Beach Campus.



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UAA Partners to Support FAA DreamLaunch Tour 2025



Jamail Larkins, the first Ambassador of Aviation & Space Education for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will be touring the country visiting colleges & universities in 2025 as part of the FAA's DreamLaunch Tour. The Dream Launch Tour aims to help meet this growing

Each tour stop usually draws significant media coverage, including national outlets such as [USA Today](#), [NBC Nightly News](#), Fox & Friends, and local outlets such as [The Seattle Medium](#).

DreamLaunch Tour stops can be customized to include presentations to classes, evening club events, high school feeder program visits, or weekend open houses to the local community to promote educational offerings at each institution. The tour has secured funding for the first ten requested tour locations, but the remaining ten tour stops can be added for a nominal cost to cover program expenses (between \$2,500-\$5,000). To secure a tour stop, please contact Ann Holmes at jlarkins@jamailarkinsaviation.com or Jamail Larkins at slarkins@me.com. UAA may be able to assist in securing sponsors for additional tour stops if budget constraints are a concern.

need for trained personnel in the aviation industry by educating America's youth through a nationwide tour. The tour will visit 20 University Aviation Association (UAA) member institutions across the country. The upcoming DreamLaunch Tour will not only focus on helping students figure out how to set up a path for success in traditional aviation careers, but also provide insight on new careers in the emerging Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), Commercial Space Transportation, and Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) segments of the aviation industry. The dynamic 30 minute presentation includes an informative keynote on the aviation & aerospace industry, a Q&A session to address specific questions of aspiring aviation professionals, as well as significant media support to highlight UAA member's aviation programs.

Jamail Larkins, is recognized as a Forbes 30 Under 30 Entrepreneur and being named one of Goldman Sachs Top 100 Most Innovative Entrepreneurs in the country; he is an accomplished pilot that began his career as the Youngest Airshow Performer in the US and has performed on nationally syndicated television programs, such as The Late Show w/ David Letterman. Jamail is a leader in the aviation industry, having presented to more than 1,000 schools throughout the U.S., and is one of the youngest leaders in the industry to testify in front of Congress on the future of the aviation industry.



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OU and United Airlines Celebrate New Program



NORMAN, OKLA. – University of Oklahoma administration and representatives from United Airlines gathered today at Max Westheimer Airport to celebrate a new partnership between the OU School of Aviation and United Aviate, United’s pilot career development program. The University of Oklahoma has joined the ranks of United Aviate’s partner universities, creating a defined pathway to United for aspiring pilots.

“This outstanding program gives our students the opportunity to be part of the world’s largest airline. It also offers mentorship opportunities and a strong support system where our students can learn from experienced United pilots,” said Eric Wydra, director of OU’s School of Aviation. “We couldn’t be more excited to join the United Aviate family.”

This is the latest on a growing list of airlines with which OU has pathway partnerships, creating greater opportunities for graduates to move directly into the workforce. The new partnership offers OU students the most direct path toward careers as pilots for United Airlines.

“We are delighted to welcome the University of Oklahoma to the United Aviate program as part of our larger pilot development strategy,” said Michael Bonner, managing director of Aviate and pilot hiring at United.

When accepted into the Aviate program, students receive a conditional job offer for a First Officer role with the airline. To be eligible for the program, students must complete one year of full-time coursework in the School of Aviation and hold a private pilot license. Students who are accepted into the Aviate program are a top hiring priority for United’s pilot hiring.

Flying Aggies Soar to Regional Title



Oklahoma State University’s Flying Aggies flight team soared to victory at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region 4 SAFECON championship, held Oct. 14-18 at TSTC Waco Airport.

With a 122-point margin, the Flying Aggies secured their first regional title since 2016 and will move on to compete at the national competition in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, next spring.

The OSU flight team accumulated 656 points to clinch the overall championship, outpacing second-place Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s 534 points. LeTourneau University (third place), the University of Oklahoma (fourth place) and Louisiana Tech University (fifth place) rounded out the top 5. The Flying Aggies demonstrated exceptional skill by capturing first place in the Ground Events Championship while placing second in Flight Events.

The victory was achieved under the guidance of coach Branden Adams, an OSU graduate and flight instructor who volunteered his expertise to lead the team.

The Flying Aggies demonstrated exceptional skills in the following events: aviation maintenance test, simulated comprehensive aircraft navigation, message drop, aircraft recognition, unlimited navigation, computer accuracy, preflight, shortfield landings, ground trainer and power-off landings.

FLIGHTDECK SOLUTIONS EXPANDS FACILITY



NEWMARKET, ONTARIO, CANADA – Flightdeck Solutions (FDS) has completed the expansion of its headquarters, increasing its facility to 10,000 square feet to accommodate growth in both domestic and international markets. The expansion reflects the company’s measured approach to scaling operations after 24 years of serving the aviation training industry.

“While we’ve doubled our facility size approximately every decade, this expansion is different” explained Peter Cos, President of Flightdeck Solutions. “We’ve implemented purpose-built production areas and enhanced quality control systems that will benefit our customers for years to come.”

The newly configured facility introduces dedicated device assembly bays with upgraded infrastructure, effectively doubling production capacity. A new demonstration area enables customers to experience fully-built aircraft trainers, complete with a 220-degree wrap-around visual display system, able to support a range of aircraft builds, including A320, B737MAX, and Q400 models.

USC Engineers Make History with Record-Breaking Rocket



It also builds upon the group’s record as the first and only student organization to launch a student-designed and built rocket past the Kármán line in 2019.

“This achievement represents several engineering firsts,” said Ryan Kraemer, executive engineer of USCRPL and an undergraduate student majoring in mechanical engineering. “Aftershock II is distinguished by the most powerful solid-propellant motor ever fired by students and the most powerful composite case motor made by amateurs.”

In 2019, the USCRPL Traveler IV rocket was the first collegiate-designed and built rocket to pass the Kármán line, the boundary separating Earth’s atmosphere and outer space. Since then, the student-run team have been striving to beat their own record, seeking to claim the altitude record for amateur rocketry worldwide.

The successful launch of Aftershock II took place on October 20 in the Black Rock Desert rocket launch area, Nevada (the student white paper verifying the data was posted on November 14th). Equipped with a new avionics unit and improved safety and data integration, Aftershock II reached a velocity of 5283 ft/s and Mach 5.5. The comparatively lightweight rocket amounted to 330 pounds, at a height of 13 ft and 8” diameter.

Crucially, the endurance of the rocket at hypersonic speeds was made possible by a thermal protection system that included new paint and titanium-coated fins.

Furthermore, the custom-designed computer systems and circuit boards were designed and built from scratch by the student team, enabling the live integration of data. This allowed for tracking of the rocket’s position during flight, gathering data and recovering the rocket on descent.

Aftershock II, the latest rocket designed and built by the student-run USC Rocket Propulsion Lab (USCRPL) at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering, has broken the international altitude record – reaching further into space than any non-governmental and non-commercial group has ever flown before.

The previous 20-year record of 380,000 feet was set by Civilian Space Exploration Team back in 2004. Aftershock II beats that record by 90,000 ft.



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present on “Cooperating with Airports at the Loyalty Level as the Next Frontier in Revenue Generation” to customer loyalty professionals. There’s nothing more satisfying in our professional careers than working on and discussing what we’re truly passionate about.

Bangkok was an outstanding choice for a customer loyalty conference. Its dynamic vibe, rich culture, impeccable hospitality and delicious cuisine make it so special—I will certainly return often in the years to come.

- Yi Gao, Associate Professor (Aviation Management), Purdue University

UAA Takes Flight with Your Achievements!

Have you reached new heights? UAA wants to celebrate your success!

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- Attend a groundbreaking program that expanded your expertise and fueled your passion?
- Earn a scholarship that allowed you to pursue your academic dreams?

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Each Fellow will spend a year with a Congressional office that has jurisdiction over the FAA. A fellow may serve as an expert liaison and researcher for a Congressional committee and may participate in FAA program activities to further develop their knowledge and skills. The program is designed to offer graduate students a hands-on experience at navigating public policy issues related to their field of expertise. FAA seeks participants in fields related to aerospace, including but not limited to, the following:

- Aerospace engineering
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- Aeronautical engineering
- Airworthiness engineering
- Electrical engineering
- Human factors
- Software engineering
- Systems engineering

To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen, have an undergraduate degree and be pursuing an M.A. or PhD degree in a related field as listed or be within a year of completion of the post-graduate degree. You must also meet position-specific qualifications.

The annual application schedule takes place every winter. For eligibility and application instructions, visit the NAGF website at www.faa.gov/nagf

FELLOWSHIP AWARD INFORMATION

The Samya Rose Stumo National Air Grant Fellowship program anticipates supporting multiple fellowships each calendar year.

- The application period for the 2025 cohort is December 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.
- Length: 12-month, non-renewable fellowship assignment
- Start date: Late June/July of 2025



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FAA Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Intern Program

The MSI Internship Program is open to all eligible undergraduate and graduate college students attending an accredited college or university. An important focus of the program is providing opportunities to eligible students from groups that have been underrepresented in Aviation, Aeronautics and STEM.

We are now accepting applications for the FAA's Minority Serving Institutions internship! Go to <https://bit.ly/FAAMSI> to learn more about the program and apply. The MSI application period will be **open from October 18 to November 29.**



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Boeing Career Enhancement Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
Boeing Company and Women in Aviation International

Contact

www.nj99.org

Usual Deadline

December

Amount(s) Awarded

Scholarship Awards Vary

Description

Scholarship is available for a woman who wishes to advance her career in aerospace industry in the fields of engineering, technology development or management. The award is to be used for educational purposes only and may not be applied toward flight hours. Applicants may be full-time or part-time employees currently in the aerospace industry or related field. Students pursuing aviation related degrees that are at the junior level with a 2.5 GPA or higher.

Pratt & Whitney Engine Maintenance Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance (AWAM)

Contact

www.awam.org

Usual Deadline

December

Amount(s) Awarded

Four (4) Scholarships Awarded, valued at \$800-\$3,200 each depending on course taken

Description

Pratt & Whitney will award six maintenance training scholarships to individuals pursuing careers in aviation maintenance. Winners will have the option to attend any one of the maintenance courses offered by Pratt & Whitney or Pratt & Whitney Canada such as System Familiarization, Line and Base Maintenance, and Borescope Inspection Procedures on JT8D, JT9D, PW2000, PW4000, PT6, or PW100 engines.

Pratt & Whitney Maintenance Training Scholarships can be redeemed at the P&W Customer Training Center in East Hartford, Connecticut. For small engine training by P&W Canada, training will take place at a Flight Safety International Facility most convenient for the student.

Scholarship Criteria

Applicants must be a member of Women in Aviation, International and may apply for no more than two scholarships. Internships are not included in the two per member scholarship limit. All application materials can be submitted in the same envelope. These requirements are the minimum for all scholarships unless otherwise indicated. Some scholarships may require additional information, please read the description thoroughly to make sure you meet all requirements.

NATA Business Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
National Air Transportation Foundation (NATA)

Contact

www.nata.aero

Usual Deadline

December

Amount(s) Awarded

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

Description

The NATA Business Scholarship is to be used for continuing education for employees of NATA member companies. All applicable studies should be directly related to furthering the skills applicable to working at an FBO, charter company maintenance facility or flight school.

Scholarship Criteria

Be 18 years of age or older; Be nominated and endorsed by a representative of a Regular or Associate Member Company of the NATA; Possess a Student Pilot Certificate (or higher), with a third-class medical certificate, if applying for pilot certificates or ratings; Demonstrate a commitment to general aviation.

Pioneers of Flight Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
National Air Transportation Foundation (NATA)

Contact

www.nata.aero

Usual Deadline

December

Amount(s) Awarded

Two (2) Scholarships Awarded, valued at \$1,000

Description

The National Air Transportation Foundation (NATF) established the Pioneers of Flight Scholarship Program in 1989 to offer financial assistance and encouragement to young people in the pursuit of academic excellence.

Scholarship Criteria

College students, sophomore or junior year; Enrolled in a full-time aviation degree program at an accredited four-year college or university; GPA of 3.0 + on a 4.0 scale; Demonstrate a commitment to general aviation.

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David Mineck Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
 Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Contact
www.eaa.org

Usual Deadline
 January

Amount(s) Awarded
 One (1) Scholarships Awarded, valued at \$5,000

Description
 This endowed scholarship is awarded to a student annually to pursue a post-secondary education in the field of aerospace. This was created in memory of David William Mineck, by his family, friends, and associates.

Scholarship Criteria
 Must be an Experimental Aircraft Association member or recommended by an EAA member.

H.P. "Bud" Milligan Aviation Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
 Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Contact
www.eaa.org

Usual Deadline
 January

Amount(s) Awarded
 Up to \$5,000 Scholarship Awarded annually, non-renewable

Description
 This scholarship is available for U.S. undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in an aviation program at a college, technical school, or aviation academy.

Scholarship Criteria
 Must be Experimental Aircraft Association member or recommended by EAA member.

Jack Burnham Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
 Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Contact
www.eaa.org

Usual Deadline
 January

Amount(s) Awarded
 Up to \$5,000 scholarship awarded annually, non-renewable

Description
 The Jack Burnham Scholarship is available for U.S. students who plan to pursue a career in aviation. Students must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Preference will be given to students who live in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Scholarship Criteria
 Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Must be Experimental Aircraft Association member or recommended by EAA member.

LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Scholarships

Scholarship Sponsor
 The LeRoy W. Homer Jr. Foundation

Contact
www.leroywhomerjr.org

Usual Deadline
 January

Amount(s) Awarded
 Scholarship awards vary

Description
 LeRoy Homer Jr. was the first officer for United Airlines on Flight 93; which tragically crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001.

Scholarship Criteria
 Young men and women, ages 16 to 23, may apply for these scholarships. Instruction will be conducted at an approved local Cessna Pilot Training Center. The recipient must successfully complete all required ground training, including the FAA written exam, prior to commencing any flight training. All fees and expenses associated with the private pilot course instruction will be paid by the Foundation.

National Aviation Academy's Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
 National Aviation Academy (NAA)

Contact
www.naa.edu

Usual Deadline
 January

Amount(s) Awarded
 Up to twenty (20) scholarships awarded, valued at \$1,000

Description
 National Aviation Academy's Charles E. Taylor Scholarship, named for the first aviation mechanic, has been established to recognize and encourage students who wish to pursue careers in aviation maintenance, as well as promote the future of aviation and, more specifically, highly-trained airframe and powerplant (A&P) mechanics.

Scholarship Criteria
 Must have earned your high school diploma or GED in the Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 to apply. Must reside in, or have graduated from, a high school in Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Hernando, Manatee, or Sarasota County in Florida, or Middlesex, Worcester, Essex, or Bristol County in Massachusetts. Must have an overall 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) or GED test score of 660 or greater.

Rene Matos Scholarship Program

Scholarship Sponsor
National Hispanic Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees

Contact

www.nhcfae.org

Usual Deadline

January

Amount(s) Awarded

Scholarship Awards Varies

Description

The Rene Matos Memorial Scholarship was established in the name of a very motivated and dedicated man, who epitomized the dream to succeed, while helping others along the way.

Scholarship Criteria

Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident, residing in the United States or Puerto Rico. Applicants must be accepted or attending an accredited college, university, or vocational/trade school at the time the scholarship is awarded. w

Tennessee Aviation Association Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
Tennessee Aviation Association (TAA)

Contact

www.uaa.aero

Usual Deadline

January

Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded

Scholarship Criteria

- Open to undergraduate students currently in Sophomore or Junior levels.
- Must be enrolled at a post-secondary institution in the state of Tennessee offering an aviation or aerospace-related major for Aviation Management, Aviation Maintenance or Professional Pilot areas of study.
- A minimum of 3.0 overall GPA on a 4.0 GPA scale. Please provide an official copy of your transcript.
- Extracurricular involvement/community involvement/work experience and previously awarded scholarships.
- Membership in at least one aviation organization.
- One recommendation letter from a faculty member at the institution where currently enrolled.
- The completed application must be accompanied by a 500–750–word paper which must include items:
 1. How your involvement in the Aviation Industry will impact the future of Aviation in the state of Tennessee?
 2. The reasons why you should be selected?
 3. What is one achievement that you are most proud of?
 4. Your extracurricular involvement and previously awarded scholarships?

The Tennessee Aviation Association Scholarship will be presented at the 2025 Tennessee Airports Conference awards luncheon in Franklin, TN.

UAA Janice K. Barden Aviation Scholarship

Scholarship Sponsor
National Business Aviation Association (NBAA)

Contact

www.nbaa.org

Usual Deadline

January

Amount(s) Awarded

Up to twenty (20) scholarships awarded, valued at \$1,000

Description

Through the UAA Janice K. Barden Aviation Scholarship, NBAA Charities annually awards a minimum of \$1,000 to each of five undergraduates studying aviation-related curricula at NBAA and University Aviation Association (UAA) member institutions. This scholarship is named for the late Janice K. Barden, who was active in the aviation community for decades. She served as chair of the NBAA Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition Local Committee eight times, more than any other person in NBAA history. Scholarships will be awarded for one academic year, and checks will be made payable to the school. Awards will be made to U.S. citizens or permanent residents without regard to sex, race, religion, or national origin. Scholarship recipients must use the funds by the end of the academic year or risk forfeiture of the award.

Scholarship Criteria

Full-time undergraduate enrolled in aviation related curricula at an NBAA/UAA member school. Sophomore or higher standing, with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Completed application package consisting of an essay; resume; official transcript; and letter of recommendation.

William T. Piper, Sr. General Aviation Systems Award

Scholarship Sponsor
American Institute of Aeronautics Astronautics (AIAA)

Contact

www.aiaa.org

Usual Deadline

January

Amount(s) Awarded

One (1) scholarship awarded, valued at \$1,500

Description

Applicants must be current AIAA student members in good standing. Students must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in the U.S. and have completed at least one academic quarter of full-time graduate level coursework. A minimum GPA of 3.3 or higher. Applicants must be researching a topic related to general aviation aircraft.

Rocky Mountain College
Director of Flight Operations

The Aviation Program at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana invites applications for a full time 12-month position. This person is responsible for leading and managing Flight Operations in the 4-year collegiate aviation program at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. Flight training is conducted under Part 141. Flight Operations is located at the Billings Airport. Requirements include overseeing 20 -25 staff including the Chief Flight Instructor, Assistant Chief Flight Instructor, Assistant Director of Flight Operations, Certified Flight Instructors, and Office Manager. Works with the RMC Director of Maintenance in managing 9 aircraft owned by the College. Oversees student flight training, scheduling, budgeting, and relationships with the Billings airport, the FAA, Billings ATC, and other stakeholders. Flying as a CFI in a Check Pilot capacity is required.

Requirements:

Excellent leadership, written and oral communications skills. Bachelor's degree and aviation industry experience. Certified Flight Instructor and Class II FAA medical certificate required. Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII) and Multi Engine Instructor (MEI) preferred. Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) desired.

Starting salary will be up to \$90,000.00 and will be starting in July 2025.

Information about Rocky Mountain College is available at <https://www.rocky.edu> Any questions regarding this position should be directed to the Director of Aviation, Dan Hargrove at dan.hargrove@rocky.edu or Human Resources at humanresources@rocky.edu Review of applications will begin January 13, 2025 and continue until the position is filled.

Benefits:

Benefits are available for this staff position. They include medical, dental, and vision, life insurance, long term disability, short term disability, 403(b) retirement plan and tuition remission.

To Apply:

To apply, complete the Rocky Mountain College Staff Application. In addition, please submit a letter of interest, resume, and a list of at least three references by email to jobs@rocky.edu or by mail to Rocky Mountain College, Human Resources, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT, 59102.

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Central Washington University Assistant Professor of Aviation

Central Washington University (CWU), located in Ellensburg, WA, seeks a nine-month, full time, tenure-track, Assistant Professor to teach in the Professional Pilot program. CWU offers a Professional Pilot Bachelor's degree. The goal of the program is to prepare students for careers as professional pilots in private industry and governmental agencies.

The Department of Aviation faculty teach courses related to their area of expertise using a variety of modalities. In addition, faculty members are expected to create a campus environment that is welcoming, inclusive, and increasingly diverse; advise students; contribute to the advancement of the department/program; engage in scholarship appropriate to their field/expertise; and provide service to the University, the community and their profession.

Minimum Qualifications

Please address in your cover letter:

- Earned Master's degree, preferably in Aviation, Business, Education, Management, or Safety (with advanced flight ratings and five years aviation industry experience)
- Logged flight hours equivalent to an FAA Part 141 Assistant Chief Instructor
- Demonstrated success in teaching at the college or university level
- Willingness to teach a wide range of courses at all levels and through various modalities (e.g. in-person, online, or hybrid)
- Research, teaching, service or other experience that has prepared the candidate to contribute to CWU's commitment to the engagement and inclusion of culturally diverse students.
- Experience working effectively in a team-based environment, seeking continuous improvement and adherence to the university philosophy

Preferred Qualifications

Please address in your cover letter:)

- University-level teaching experience
- Experience in flight program curriculum development and improvement
- Scholarship/creative activities interests
- Service interests
- Earned Doctorate (Ph.D. or Ed.D.) preferably in Aviation, Business, Education, Management, or Safety
- Collegiate Aviation teaching experience
- Experience working with a diverse student population
- Experience or interest in developing and teaching online courses
- Experience in curriculum development and improvement
- Demonstrated participation in programs designed to promote inclusion.
- A record of promoting inclusivity in classrooms and academic work environments.
- Experience or interest in mentoring students from a variety of backgrounds.

- Ability to incorporate multicultural perspectives and issues into curriculum and classroom conversations.
- Research program that reflects the needs of minority or underserved populations.
- Demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for students through teaching
- Demonstrated training in and/or experience in implementing anti-racism, diversity, and inclusion-related materials or pedagogical practices in credit-bearing courses, certificate programs, or professional development type trainings, workshops, or seminars

Competencies

- **Accountability/Dependability:** Accepts responsibility for quality of own work; acknowledges and corrects mistakes. Shows up on time, meets standards, deadlines and work schedules.
- **Judgement:** Makes timely, informed decisions. Analyzes options and determines appropriate course of action.
- **Teamwork:** Promotes cooperation and mutual support to achieve goals. Encourages participation and mutual support.
- **Adaptability/Flexibility:** Responds positively to changing business needs and responsibilities. Adapts approach and methods to achieve results; recovers quickly from setbacks and finds alternatives.
- **Commitment to Diversity:** Recognizes the value of diversity and helps create environment that supports and embraces diversity.
- **Don't meet every single requirement?** At CWU we're dedicated to building a diverse, inclusive, and authentic workplace, so if you're excited about this role but your experience doesn't align perfectly with every requirement, we encourage you to apply anyway.

Pay, Benefits, & Work Schedule

Annual Salary: \$75,000 - \$85,000, based on a full-time nine-month appointment In accordance with RCW 49.58.110, the above salary reflects the full salary range for this position. Individual placement within the range is based on the candidate's current experience, education, skills, and abilities related to the position.

How To Apply

To apply for this position, you must complete the on-line application and attach:

A detailed cover letter clearly demonstrating how your education and experience: (a) meet the required (and, as applicable, preferred) qualifications, and (b) demonstrate the ability to perform the responsibilities as described by the posting; and (c) detail how teaching, service and/or scholarship has supported students from racial, ethnic, and gender backgrounds that are underrepresented in their academic fields (applicants who have not yet had the opportunity for such experience should note how their work will further CWU's commitment to diversity.

Screening Begins: January 1, 2025.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Assistant Professor, Department of Aviation Technologies

The College of Health and Human Sciences at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is seeking eligible applicants for the above anticipated position beginning Fall 2025, or until suitably qualified individuals are found. This is a nine-month, continuing appointment which may lead to tenure. This position will support the baccalaureate degree in Aviation Technologies developed to prepare aviation technicians with advanced technical skills. Applications are continually evaluated, with the first review beginning November 15, 2024. Promising new faculty in CHHS are offered competitive startup packages, including graduate/undergraduate assistant support, course releases, and summer salary designed to jump-start research scholarship.

Minimum Qualifications:

Earned master's degree, required by time of appointment, and minimum professional experience of three years full-time employment in aircraft maintenance, avionics maintenance, repair or installation, aircraft/engine manufacturing or product support environment Valid FAA Mechanic Certificate with Airframe and Powerplant Ratings. One earned degree in an aviation or related discipline.

Responsibilities:

Primary teaching responsibilities will include instruction in the undergraduate Aviation Technologies baccalaureate program which is also an FAA-approved Part 147 Airframe and Powerplant program and/or the Aviation Management program. Participation in program/School support activities and service on committees at various levels is required. It is expected that the successful candidate will identify and develop an area of personal research interest resulting in scholarly productivity consistent with the applied research goals of the College and University. The individual will engage in scholarly activities and professional service related to the aviation discipline. Service which enriches the community, College and University is also expected, as is fulfillment of other assignments as may be required.

Application Deadline:

March 31, 2025, or until suitable applicants are found.

To apply:

Go to <https://jobs.siu.edu>. Create a profile and upload a letter of application specifying the position to which application is being made and including research interests, current resume or vitae, and names, addresses and telephone number of five references.

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Baylor University
Lecturer, Non-Tenure Track, Aviation Sciences

The Aviation Sciences Program at Baylor University seeks an outstanding aviation professional at the rank of Lecturer.

Start Date August 2025.

Details for this position can be found at Apply – [Interfolio](#)

Aviation Sciences is a growing and dynamic program at Baylor, and we are looking for a candidate who can augment our capabilities and help us continue our pursuit of excellence in collegiate aviation. This is a full-time lecturer position with responsibilities teaching Aviation Sciences courses beginning Fall 2025. Teaching assignments will include Aviation Ground School and other Aviation-specific courses.

This appointment is a renewable full-time, benefits-eligible, teaching-focused position with a 6-year promotion path to Senior Lecturer for successful candidates and a 12-year promotion path to Teaching Professor for highly successful candidates (see: Policy on Full-Time Lecturers, Senior Lecturers, and Teaching Professors at Baylor University).

With a main campus located in Waco, Texas, Baylor University is the oldest college in Texas. With a population of 21,000 diverse students, Baylor is one of the top universities in the nation, having been named an R1 institution by the Carnegie Classification in January 2022. Baylor is also on the honor roll of the “Great Colleges to Work For” from The Chronicle of Higher Education; Baylor offers competitive salaries and benefits while allowing faculty and staff to live in one of the fastest-growing parts of the state. Our strategic plan guides the University as we continue to live up to Baylor’s mission of educating men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community.

As an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, Baylor University is committed to compliance with all applicable anti-discrimination laws, including those regarding age, race, color, sex, national origin, military service, genetic information, and disability. Baylor University is a private, not-for-profit university governed by a predominantly Baptist Board of Regents and is operated within the Christian-oriented aims and ideals of Baptists and is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a cooperative association of autonomous Texas Baptist churches. Baylor University is also affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a cooperative association of autonomous Texas Baptist churches, associate member of the Baptist World Alliance. As a religiously controlled institution of higher education, Baylor University is exempt from compliance with select provisions of certain civil rights laws, and Baylor University is also exempt from prohibitions against discrimination based on religion. As a religiously controlled institution of higher education, Baylor University is exempt from compliance with select provisions of certain civil rights laws, and Baylor University is also exempt from prohibitions against discrimination based on religion.

Bridgewater State University
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Aviation Science

The Department of Aviation Science at Bridgewater State University is seeking a full-time tenure track faculty member to be a part of a multi-talented and diverse group of professionals. The growing Aviation Department serves more than 200 students in both the Aviation Management and Flight Training concentrations. The mission of the Department of Aviation includes increasing the diversity of the aviation workforce by attracting and educating a diverse student body. The successful candidate will be a high-energy visionary and goal-oriented individual, preferably with experience teaching ground schools and management classes.

Essential Duties:

Responsibilities include the following:

- Teach undergraduate classes in aviation science flight and management.
- Prepare classroom and curriculum to develop successful learning outcomes.
- Provide student assistance, including academic advising in effort to create a student centered approach to success.
- Participate in and contribute to the improvement and development of academic programs or academic services to the University.
- Participate in continuing scholarship and contributions in efforts to improve and develop the department’s learning objectives
- Work collaboratively with faculty, employees, students and community to foster a welcoming and innovative learning environment.
- Opportunities available to teach ground schools and management classes.

Required Qualifications:

- Masters’ Degree in an appropriate field.
- Proven record of accomplishment in a combination of professional service and experience in teaching and/or industry.
- Demonstrated experience in collaboration and leadership to work effectively with faculty, students, staff, and administrators.
- Demonstrated interest and ability in corporate/alumni development and global activities.
- Strong commitment to excellence in teaching and advising, and to working in a multicultural environment that fosters diversity.
- Ability to use technology effectively in teaching and learning.
- Demonstrated evidence of scholarly activity, and a commitment to public higher education.

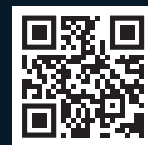
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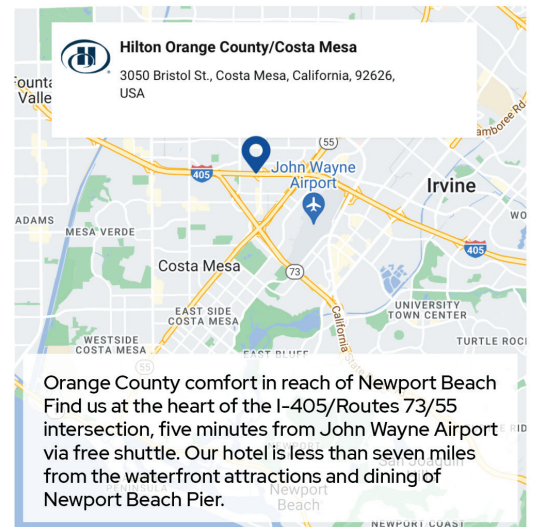
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