



WAI Announces Winners of Spring 2021 Scholarships

48 WAI members receive \$256,00 in awards

July 9, 2021 - Women in Aviation International (WAI) congratulates 48 members who have been selected as Spring 2021 scholarship recipients thanks to a generous \$250,000 grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, as well as a \$6,000 WAI scholarship. View the full list of winners at www.WAI.org/2021-scholarship-winners.

Scholarships include funding to further members' interests in air traffic control, aviation maintenance, flight training, helicopter ratings, and space. New to this round of scholarships are four scholarships, each worth \$3,000 for WAI Chapter members outside of the United States, to be applied towards completion of an additional flight certificate.

"Our WAI members are thrilled to receive these additional scholarships that help them take important steps toward reaching their aviation goals," says Allison McKay, WAI CEO. "A special thanks to the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation for this generous gift that encourages our members to reach their aviation dreams faster and further."

With the additional Spring 2021 scholarships, total WAI scholarships awarded in 2021 are valued at over \$731,800, and more than \$14.5 million since 1995.

WAI members are encouraged to apply for WAI's 2022 scholarships, now, with applications due Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Currently, there are 99 scholarships totaling \$480,505 offered for flight training, engineering, maintenance, dispatch, drones, and professional development for individuals in all stages of life. Additional scholarships will be added regularly, and details of each scholarship opportunity are available at www.WAI.org/scholarships.

About the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation: International hotelier Conrad N. Hilton established the grantmaking foundation that bears his name in 1944 to help people living in poverty and experiencing disadvantage worldwide. Today, the work continues, concentrating on efforts to improve early childhood development outcomes, support older youth as they transition from foster care, ensure opportunity youth can access career pathways, prevent homelessness, identify solutions to safe-water access, help integrate refugees into society and lift the work of Catholic sisters. Additionally, following selection by an independent, international jury, the Foundation annually awards the \$2.5 million Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize to an organization doing extraordinary work to reduce human suffering. The Foundation is one of the world's largest, with assets recently growing to approximately \$7.5 billion. It has awarded

grants to date totaling more than \$2 billion, \$207 million worldwide in 2020. Please visit www.hiltonfoundation.org for more information.

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Women in Aviation International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing networking, mentoring and scholarship opportunities for women and men who are striving for challenging and fulfilling careers in the aviation and aerospace industries. For more information, contact WAI via email waihq@wai.org; phone (937) 839-4647 or through www.WAI.org.

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