

2010 Scholarship Recipients



Mikayla Nelson

Her goal is to solo on her 16th birthday, earn her Private Pilots License, and be the first person in her family to go to college.

A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship - An anonymous donor established this scholarship of \$250 in 1997. This year's recipient is Mikayla Nelson of Billings, MT. Mikayla loves aviation and intends on becoming an aeronautical engineer. This summer she started flying a Cessna 150 and has logged 15 hours with 21 takeoffs/landings. To help defray flight expenses she started her own business making birdhouses out of 3003 H-14 aluminum and machine turning them just like the cowl on the Spirit of St. Louis.



Dennis Lacey

knowledge on the path to becoming a CFI.

AOM Flight Training Scholarship – AOM has established this \$500 scholarship to financially assist a student pilot in obtaining their private pilot certificate. This year's recipient is Dennis Lacey of Kalispell, MT. Dennis has dreamed of being a pilot for as long as he can recall. He started the Flathead Youth Aviation Education Fund (fyaef.org) a non-profit organization that educates kids with a spark for aviation through hands on experiential classes. His love and passion for aviation and young people has made him believe that this is his future. He took to obtaining his private license as not only a goal but more as a stepping stone to further enable him to grow his



Kelli French

years. She has completed her instrument training at Rocky and is currently working on completing her commercial license. She hopes to become a Missionary pilot but in order to accomplish this she plans on going to Alaska and working as a firefighter pilot or as a bush pilot if possible.

Blue Goose First Generation Flight Scholarship – This \$250 scholarship administered by Joe and Kathy Kurberka is awarded to a first generation pilot to assist with flight training. This scholarship is designed to assist a person who has a love of aviation, yet had limited exposure to aviation, someone from a non-aviation background/family. This year's recipient is Kelli French of Malta, MT. Kelli is a sophomore at Rocky Mountain College in the Aviation Program. She has been flying for three



Jason Ferguson

Ferguson of Bozeman, MT. After graduation Jason shipped of to Marine Corps basic training where he began his journey as an aviation ordnance technician on F-18's. In 2003, he was deployed to the Middle East in support of our invasion into Iraq. After he finished is 4 years of active duty he moved to Bozeman and became a student at Montana State University, majoring in Agricultural Business. Upon graduation of MSU he plans on attending COT in Helena so he can work on receiving an A and P certificate. He received his private pilot certificate in October and is now training to receive an instrument rating.

Harold Hamm Scholarship – Harold and Zola Hamm were the anonymous donors that established the first \$250 A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship in 1993. With the passing of Harold on September 1, 2006, Zola decided to rename the scholarship the "Harold Hamm Scholarship" in honor of her husband of 19 years. Harold had an extremely strong passion for aviation. Together he and Zola completed two airplane projects: the restoration of a J-3 Piper Cub, and an experimental RV-6 aircraft. Zola has graciously increased the amount of the Harold Hamm Scholarship to \$500. This year's recipient is Jason

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Logan Grant

his multi-engine rating this spring.

Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship, MAAA offers this \$500 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction. This year's scholarship is awarded to Logan Grant of Billings, MT. Logan grew up in Havre, MT and for as long as he can remember he has always wanted to be a pilot. His dream came true in 2006 when he enrolled in the aviation program at Rocky Mountain College. While at Rocky he has received the Derosier Leadership Scholarship and also an academic scholarship. In May he will graduate from Rocky and will pursue his certified flight instructor license (CFI) this summer and then begin instructing student pilots in the fall. Currently he is finishing his commercial license and will attain



Jason Tobin

job that pays me to fly an airplane."

Montana Pilots Association Flight Training Award - This scholarship is open to a person who has a considerable interest in aviation. The \$750 scholarship is to be used for flight training. This year's recipient is Jason Tobin of Billings, MT. Jason is currently a Freshman attending Rocky Mountain College. He is majoring in Aeronautical Science, and is almost finished with his private pilot training. After graduating from Rocky, he plans on instructing for the school in order to build time and experience. After he has gained necessary time, he would then like to fly as a corporate pilot, or as a cargo pilot. Jason said he will be "more than happy with any aviation



Heidi Heiland

spend the rest of her life in aviation.

Montana Pilots Association Junior Pilot Award - This recipient is chosen for outstanding interest in aviation, citizenship within their community and demonstrated academic achievement. The recipient must have soloed and be actively involved in flight training. This is a \$750 scholarship. This year's recipient is Heidi Heiland of Hamilton, MT. Heidi will use this scholarship money to help her achieve her goals: for her 17th birthday she wants to get her Private Pilots license and become an Instrument Rated Pilot. On her 18th birthday she wants to become a Commercial Rated Pilot and an Instructor. After high school she plans to go to an Aviation College. Then plans on going into the military with an Aviation Degree. She knows she will



Jonathon Ashcraft

fascinating him and he loves very second he spends in the air.

Morrison Aviation Appreciation Scholarship – Jeff Morrison, retired former owner of Morrison Flying Service in Helena has established the \$500 scholarship as a token of appreciation to the aviation community. This year's recipient is Jonathon Ashcraft of Billings, MT. Jonathon is a student pilot studying Aeronautical Science and Business Management at Rocky Mountain College. His first taste of flying was at the Twin Bridges Annual Father's Day Fly In. The local pilots were giving little kids free plane rides in planes, and from there he was hooked. This scholarship will greatly help him start his career off on the right foot. He has devoted his life to aviation because it is something that really



Aaron Robert Horine

200-hour Instrument pilot and is on his way to achieving his commercial license. After that he plans to gain his CFI and his CFII also. One of his career goals is to own his own charter business. His ultimate goal is to become as good of a pilot as his grandfather Myron "Mike" Strand, although a tough challenge he looks forward to it.

Mountain Airdance Flight Scholarship One – Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea offer this \$750 scholarship to a person with a huge interest in aviation; this scholarship can be used for flight training of any type. This year's recipient is Aaron Robert Horine. Aaron has been involved in aviation since he could crawl. In 2007 he received his private pilot's license and has been slowly working toward an instrument certificate. He is a

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Lee Lytton

Lee has worked as an Air Traffic Controller in Viet Nam. Received his Private Pilot license in 1978, Float Endorsement in 1995. He has several thousand hours of safe flight and enjoying the great northwest from above.

Mountain Airdance Flight Training Scholarship Two –

Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea offer this \$750 scholarship to an active pilot who desires to pursue advanced training, such as tailwheel endorsement, mountain flying, aerobatics, or a higher rating. This year's recipient is Lee Lytton of Polson, MT. Lee has had the good fortune of flying with some of Montana's finest instructors. Taking these lessons, applying them to currency and teaching our young the fun and personal satisfaction of flight.



Christopher Brault

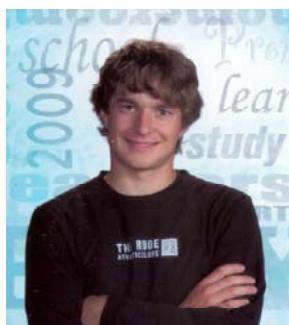


Micah Hearn

opportunity to fly a Cessna 182 for 4 hours which was a great experience. His dream is to become a pilot.

NW Montana Youth Aviation Scholarship – The Flathead Hangar offers two \$750 scholarships to financially assist student pilots with the cost of flight instruction. Student pilots 14-24 years of age from NW Montana are eligible for these scholarships. This year's winners were Christopher Brault of Missoula, MT and Micah Hearn of Kalispell, MT. Christopher has had a love for aviation since he can remember. He had the opportunity to join the Civil Air Patrol when he turned twelve. He is a full time student at Montana State University majoring in Political Science with the International Relations option. He participates in the Air Force ROTC Program. After he graduates and commissions he will work towards becoming a Judge Advocate General. He currently has logged 41.1 hours, 6.2 of which have been solo time. In addition he has also completed his night flying requirements. Micah Hearn is sixteen years old. He joined the Civil Air Patrol to learn about aerospace and to gain some experience with leadership. While in the program, he was able to pass eight aerospace education tests and scored 100 percent on rockets and aviation history. He had the

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Mike Buyan

been accepted to Rocky Mountain College. His future goal is to graduate from Rocky with a degree in aviation. He wants to get a pilot job and eventually become a commercial pilot. Mike has always strived for the best. He played varsity football and basketball all four years. This year he won the Wendy's Heisman Award for his high school. He has been on the Honor Roll for all four years of high school and was selected to be a member of the National Honor Society.

Parrott Family Scholarship – The Parrott Family offers this \$1,000 scholarship to be used over a one-year period for pilot training programs for students enrolled in the Rocky Mountain College (RMC) aviation program. The funds may be used for tuition in the RMC aviation program, and/or flight training expenses leading to a Private, Commercial, or Flight Instructor Certificate, and may include Instrument and Multiengine simulator training, and the purchase of aviation related materials and related supplies. This year's recipient is Mike Buyan of Sheridan, MT. Mike will be graduating from Sheridan High School in May. He has