

2014 Scholarship Recipients



A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship - An anonymous donor established this scholarship of \$250 in 1997, in 2011 two more anonymous donors joined in the scholarship creating a \$750 scholarship, in 2014 one more anonymous donor joined making this a \$1,000 scholarship! This year's recipient is **McKenzie Morgan** of Billings, MT. This past year McKenzie has set a personal goal to get her private pilot's license. She was flying every day this summer, twice a day. She crash-landed her plane in the mountains this summer while on her solo cross country. She was up in the air two days later. McKenzie feels her future in aviation is definite. She needs to complete her check ride and then will attain her goal of receiving her Private license. After she graduates high school she intends to pursue her instrument rating. She has been accepted to 12 reputable colleges around the country, many with honors, but is currently undecided where she will attend. McKenzie said she continues to pursue aviation because of the support of her family who instilled in her the values and dedication aviation calls for.



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 **Casey Penney** of Molt, MT. Casey is a 19-year old sophomore at Montana State University, majoring in mechanical engineering with an aerospace emphasis. He graduated a semester early from Laurel High School in January 2013. Casey's grandfather who flew in World War II first introduced him to aviation. He is pursuing his private pilot's license, as of January 3 he had 20.6 hours with 14.1 hours in a C152 and 6.5 hours in a C172SP. After he finishes his private pilot's license he plans to continue on and obtain his instrument rating and commercial pilot's license. He would then like to become a flight instructor so he can help others with achieving their dreams while improving his flying skills at the same time. After he obtains his degree he hopes to work in the aviation design industry.



Blue Goose First Generation Flight Scholarship and Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship – Joe and Kathy Kuberka offer a \$500 scholarship 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. MAAA offers a \$1,000 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction. This year's recipient for both of these scholarships is **Tait Hollowell** of Hysham, MT. Tait is in his first year of aviation studies at Gallatin College in Bozeman. He graduated third in his class from Hysham High School in 2010. His future goals after he graduates are to be a certified flight instructor and eventually become a charter pilot. He is doing very well in the Bozeman program with a 3.75 grade point his first semester, as well as achieving 95 on his written private test. He is about to take his check ride and has been working hard to obtain that goal. Tait said he loves everything about flying, he

loves the freedom of being in the sky, the feeling of confidence he has and the responsibility that being a pilot entails.



EAA Missoula Chapter 517 Scholarship – EAA Missoula Chapter 517 established this \$1,000 Aviation Career Scholarship for a Montana Resident to pursue one of the following: Post-solo flight training; a second year of A&P training; other aviation career training. This year's recipient is **Brody Severson** of Stevensville, MT. Brody is a 10th grader at Stevensville High School. He has had an interest in aviation since he was 9 years old and has always known he wanted to make it his career. Over the past year he has taken and passed a private pilot ground school course, as well as the FAA private pilot written exam. He recently did his first solo and is now working on his cross country, night flying, and other post-solo training. He hopes to earn his private pilot's license while still in high school. After high school he plans to attend a college with an aviation program, and to acquire the rest of the licenses available for fixed wing aircraft and hopefully some rotocraft licenses. The branches of aviation that Brody is very interested in include professional

aerobatics, aerial firefighting and cargo operations.



Edwards Jet Center Scholarship – Edwards Jet Center offers this \$500 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction. This year's recipient is **Colter Zimmerman** of Hamilton, MT. Colter is 17-years old and a student pilot, he has been in flight training for the past 7 years and nearly has his private. He soloed last year a few weeks after his birthday and got a taste of what it is really like and finds himself craving more. He plans to make a career of aviation. He works for Bitterroot Aviation in Stevensville and is trading his work time for flight time. He is also learning a lot there that will help him obtain his A&P. Colter said with a scholarship he plans to finish his private

and vows to pass on the assistance to others throughout his lifetime.

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Montana Air Safety and Education Foundation (MPA ASEF) Flight Training Scholarship - This \$1,000 scholarship is open to an active pilot who has considerable interest in aviation and is seeking advanced flight training or pursuing a profession in aviation. The applicant must be a Montana resident. This year's scholarship has been awarded to **Perry Brown** of Columbia Falls, MT. Perry is a Montana Game Warden in Columbia Falls. In order to better patrol his district and access some of the backcountry he decided to get his private pilot's license. Since he has obtained his private pilot's license he has been able to do his job in a more efficient manner. Perry has also helped with many search & rescues and has been involved in teaching survival techniques for employees and others. His goal is to fly full time as a

pilot for Fish Wildlife & Parks. His next goal is to achieve getting his Multi Engine Instructor and Multi Engine Instrument Instructor ratings.



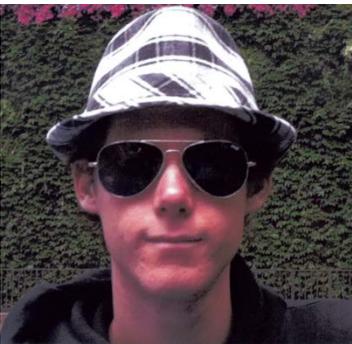
Montana Pilots Association (MPA) Junior Pilot Award - This recipient is chosen for outstanding interest in aviation, citizenship within their community and demonstrated academic achievement. The recipient must be a Montana resident and previously soloed. Preference is given to younger applicants who are new pilots or pursuing a profession in aviation. This is a \$1,000 scholarship. This year's recipient is **Ashten Miller** of Hamilton, MT. Ashten is currently attending University of North Dakota and is about to enter her second semester of her freshman year. She is working towards a degree in Commercial Aviation. She has joined the UND Aerobatics Club and the UND chapter of Women in Aviation International and works at the local Papa Murphy's. She also plans on joining the UND Women's Rugby club in the spring. She will use this scholarship to pursue her goal of becoming a commercial pilot. Ashten said "All she is really sure of at this point is she loves to fly, and as the old cliché says, chose a job you love, and you'll never have to work a day in your life."



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. Because of the outstanding scholarship letters this year the Parrott Family has been generous enough offer two

\$1,000 scholarships for 2014! This year's recipients are **Tommy Condon** of Glendive, MT and **Alex Koch** of Helena, MT. Tommy is in his first semester studying Aeronautical Science at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. He had the honor of being the first in his freshman class to solo at Rocky, on November 1, 2013. He graduated from Dawson High School in May, 2013 and was on the honor roll for all four years. During his spare time in high school he would drive up to the airport and introduce himself to pilots, he highly believes in making connections in the aviation world. He would love to fly in all fields of aviation whether it be agricultural, cargo, or medical. His long term goal is to be a corporate pilot. He is currently on Rocky's flight team as well as the freshman representative for the

Aviation Student Advisory Council. Receiving the second scholarship is Alex Koch of Helena, MT. Alex's aviation career began in early 2009 with a ground school course. He started flight instruction and soloed on his 16th birthday and passed his private pilots check ride in May, 2010. He is a member of MPA, EAA, AOPA and the Helena College Aviation Club. He works for his family's landscaping business and is in his final semester of the Aviation Maintenance Technology program at the Helena College University of Montana. He will graduate with honors in the spring of 2014 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology. He has been accepted to Rocky Mountain College in Billings and is grateful to have been awarded their Presidential Scholarship. While at Rocky Alex plans to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science and earn pilot certification through ATP, including CFI and CFII. He plans to continue his career as a pilot, ultimately flying for a major airline.



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Theresa (Nistler) Cooley Scholarship – Mountain AirDance Flight Training (Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea) and Vetter Aviation (Brent and Rosie Vetter) offer this \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Theresa (Nistler) Cooley who passed away from Leukemia (AML) in February, 2012. Theresa loved flying and was working towards her private pilot certificate. This scholarship will be awarded to a student pilot who is working on getting their private pilot rating. This year's recipient is **Bobbie Munger** of Stevensville, MT. Bobbie's venture into general aviation started with a flight into the remote community of McCarthy, Alaska. This past August she found a 1957 Piper Tri-

Pacer and decided to make the commitment to learn to fly. She received 10 days of intensive training from Jeanne MacPherson towards her private pilot license, including a morning of spin training in her Decathlon. After her return from Helena, she was able to solo on October 24, 2013. She plans to use the scholarship funds to complete her private pilot's license. She plans to participate in Mountain Flying Training, including ground and dual instruction. She plans to participate in the Montana Search and Rescue program, and intends to volunteer for Pilots N Paws. She also plans to become a general aviation advocate through participation in organizations such as the Recreational aviation Foundation. Bobbie is very excited about her future options in general aviation.