A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship - An anonymous donor established this scholarship of $250 in 1997 and in 2010 two more anonymous donors contributed an additional $250 each, creating a $750 scholarship. The Hanson Family sponsors this $750 scholarship to financially assist a Montana resident with aviation related educational expenses. This year’s recipient is Seth Allard of Billings, Montana. Seth Graduated Skyview in 2018 as a member of the National Honor Society. In October he got his private pilot’s license, making him the 7th pilot in his family. His goal is to obtain his instrument and commercial ratings and to someday be a slurry or commercial airline pilot.

Aviation Organizations of Montana (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 Amanda Knutson (AJ) of Belt, Montana. AJ grew up on a cattle ranch in Montana. She was introduced to aviation thru her first job with SkyWest Airlines. She sold tickets, loaded luggage and washed planes. She is currently working at Holman Aviation as a fueler. After working around aircraft on the ground, she decided to take the next step and learn to fly. She is currently taking lessons to get her private pilot’s license and hopes to one day fly medevacs here in Montana.

Bob Redding Memorial Scholarship - EAA Chapter 57 in Billings, MT is offering a $250 scholarship in memory of Bob Redding who was a lifetime advocate of general and experimental aviation. Building aircraft was as important to Bob as flying them. This year’s recipient is Levi Long of Marysville, Montana. Levi developed a love of flying at a very young age and quite unconventionally. When his sister got a “Wish Trip” they went to Alaska and remembers landing on the glacier. He knew at that moment he wanted to incorporate flight into his life. He took his discovery flight at Summit Aviation recently. Levi has been a volunteer fire-fighter cadet and will become a fire fighter when he turns 18. His future goals are to pilot a slurry bomber or being a spotting plane for wildland fires.

Charles Taylor – Rosie Riveter Scholarship – EAA Chapter 344 of Helena, MT is sponsoring a $500 scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding second year airframe and power plant student enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance Technician program at the Helena College. This year’s recipient is Kaleb Bare of Helena, Montana. One of the major influences was his late grandpa, who encouraged him to continue flight school by paying for him to finish. Once Kaleb got his private pilot license, he carried on his passion b working at Norther Skies Aviation as an aviation mechanic apprentice. This sparked an even bigger interest which guided him to the next step, starting school at Helena College as an Aviation Mechanic. After Kaleb’s first year he joined the U.S. Navy Reserves. Upon completion, he decided to continue his schooling and get his degree in Aviation Maintenance.

Choice Aviation Scholarship - A $1,500 scholarship is available to the holder of at least a Private Pilot Certificate and a Second Class Medical, and who is looking to further advance themselves toward a career in aviation with additional pilot training at any of Choice Aviation’s training facilities located in Montana or Wyoming. This year’s recipient is Nicholas Wolf of Salmon, Idaho. Nicholas has been working as a guide at a fly-in private ranch on the Salmon river. Each flight to and from the ranch only increased his love for back country flying. He received his private plots license in the winter of 2017 with Choice Aviation in Hamilton, MT. He purchased his own plane in January 2018; a 1961 Cessna 182. In February of 2019 he received his instrument rating. He is hoping to obtain his commercial license this year, once the guiding season concludes. His goal is to be a back-country pilot.
2020 Scholarship Recipients  Continued

Edwards Jet Center Scholarship - Edwards Jet Center, a full-service fixed based operator and Part 135 charter operator, based at Logan International Airport in Billings, offers this $500 scholarship to help defray the cost of flight instruction or A&P school. This year’s recipient is Hayden Patnode of Billings, Montana. Hayden graduated from Moore High School where he excelled both academically and in sports, lettering in track and football. He is currently attending Rocky Mountain College, pursuing his bachelor’s in Aeronautical Science. In the summer months, he works with Charlie Rogers at central Air Service. He started training for his pilot’s license in 2018. He has been active in the aviation community and is a member of many organizations. He hopes to become a commercial pilot after graduation.

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Missoula Chapter 517 Scholarship - EAA Missoula Chapter 517 provides two scholarships. One for post-solo flight training and one to be used for any type of aviation career training.

The $1,000 EAA Post Solo Flight Training Scholarship recipient is Tristan Walker of Belgrade, Montana. Tristan knew from the beginning he wanted a career in aviation. He is currently a sophomore at MSU where he is enrolled in the Business and Aviation program. He has aggressively worked toward his pilot’s license. He will earn his private pilots rating soon, pending completion of his review and private pilot check ride. He hopes to attain his instrument, commercial, multi-engine and flight instructor ratings. After graduation his goal is to fly for the Air National Guard. And after he leaves the Guard, he would like to fly for a fire suppression company.

The $1,000 Aviation Career Training Scholarship recipient is Darren Ginn of Stevensville, Montana. Darren began flying when he was just 12 years old. He obtained his private pilot certificate at the age of 18. The went into a career in Law Enforcement. After working as a police officer for 12 years, he switched careers back to aviation. He became a professional pilot in the fall of 2018 and is currently working as a full-time flight instructor in Hamilton Montana. He is working toward his commercial multi engine rating and plan to get his commercial seaplane rating and would one day like to work towards becoming a charter pilot.

Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship - MAAA is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, use, and knowledge of antique airplanes. Their motto is: “Keep the Antiques Flying.” Their $1,000 scholarship is to help defray the cost of flight instruction, or the cost of A&P mechanic school. This year’s recipient is Jordan Carter of Florence, Montana. Jordan earned his private pilot license in June of 2018. This past summer, he earned his complex rating and High-Performance Aircraft rating. He is enrolled in Northwest College for the Aeronautics degree and will start that in the fall of 2020. His dream is flying for Neptune Aviation out of Missoula and being a tanker pilot.
Montana Ninety-Nines Scholarships - These three scholarships are offered to qualified female candidates residing in Montana who are interested and passionate about aviation.

This year’s recipients are Katie Coleman-Assad of Missoula, Montana in the amount of $2,067 for one of her courses at Embry-Riddle. Katie started out a career in aviation in 2006. Once she obtained her license and ratings, she worked as a flight instructor. She took a break to raise her son. She decided to return to aviation and is currently attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University pursuing her master’s degree in aerospace operations. Her ultimate career goal is to become a manager or a director of an airport.

Katrina Angelina Shull of Missoula, Montana for $1,800 to complete her solo training. Katrina is as passionate about aviation as she is about helping the less fortunate. She spends her time as a mission assistant with Angel Flight. And she volunteers with many programs that assist children and others in her community that are struggling. She is currently working towards her private pilot’s license. She hopes to one day get her commercial license and use it to fly teams of volunteers across the world.

Laura Allen of Colombia Falls, Montana for $1,000 to help with instructor costs and rental fees. Laura joined the Airforce where she earned many various awards and worked a jet engine mechanic. After she left the military, she got her A&P and is working toward her bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering. She currently works at Rocky Mountain Aircraft Services in Kalispell. She has begun her training for her private license and hopes to one day help design an aircraft.

Montana Pilots Association Scholarships - The Montana Pilots Association offers two scholarships; one for active pilots who is pursuing a professional in aviation and one for showing outstanding interest and achievement in aviation.

Montana Pilots Association 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 a pursuing a profession in aviation. This recipient is Brody Severson of Florence, Montana. His love of aviation began while reading stories of his grandfather as a B-17 bombardier in WWII. He started flight training at 15 and obtained his license at 17. In 2016 he obtained his instrument rating. He graduated Helena College in 2008 with his A&P. He is currently working with Neptune Aviation in Missoula and training to finish his commercial pilots license and flight instructor rating. He hopes to someday learn how to fly float planes and tail draggers.

Montana Pilots Association (MPA) Junior Pilot Scholarship - The recipient of this $1,000 scholarship is chosen for outstanding interest in aviation, citizenship in 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 year’s recipient is Christian Pavleka of Whitefish, Montana. Christian currently works as a lineman for Red Eagle Aviation at Kalispell City Airport during the summer. He has joined a flight club where he and three other members own a 1965 Cessna 150. His goal is to complete his commercial rating and then work toward his commercial flight instructor license. One day he would like to work for a commercial airline.

Parrott Family Scholarship - The Parrott Family offers a $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 Jacob Kelley of Stockett, Montana. Jacob is currently a senior at Centerville High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a key player in football, basketball and track. He has participated in a Daedalian Flight ground school. He has been accepted to the Rocky Mountain College aviation program in Billings and will start there in the fall of 2020. His future goals are to enter the military after graduating college as a pilot.
Theresa (Nistler) Colley Scholarship - The Nistler family and friends of Theresa offer this $1,500 scholarship in memory of Theresa Nistler Colley. Theresa loved flying and was working toward 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 Meakin Vermillion of Hamilton, Montana. Meakin loves flying and the way it gives people the ability to see everything from a totally new perspective. She is currently taking flight lessons with Choice Aviation and hopes to be able to increase her training time and get her private pilot’s license.

Tyler Orsow and Chuck Kimes Forever Flying Scholarship - This scholarship is a fully funded seaplane rating provided by the Seaplane Pilots Foundation. The scholarship honors the memory of seaplane pilots Tyler Orsow and Chuck Kimes who were lost in a crash of a one-of-a-kind seaplane on a ferry flight in the Mideast in 2011. This year’s recipient is Shane Lindemer of Seeley Lake, Montana. Shane fell in love with aviation at a young age. His grandfather opened a Seaplane base in Seeley Lake. And got hooked when he flew with his dad and he landed on the frozen lake right in front of their house. He completed his first solo in the Cub in 2017. He currently attends MSU Gallatin College and is enrolled in the Summit Aviation training program. He has approximately 180 hours of flight time, including his tailwheel endorsement and high-performance endorsement. He is currently training for his single engine commercial and multi-engine private pilot ratings. He looks forward to a future in the aviation world, wherever it may take him.