

2011 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. This year's recipient is **Colter Zimmerman** of Hamilton, MT. Colter is 14 years old. He attends Corvallis High School. He has loved airplanes and thought of flying them since he was very small. Colter started flight training when he was just 10 years old. His aspiration is to be the first person in his family to obtain his pilot's certification. His parents pay for half of his lesson and he pays the other half. He is on the honor roll with a 4.0 grade point average. He is currently president and treasurer of his 4 H club. He has also taken leadership training through 4 H. Colter is an avid volunteer, volunteering for St. Mary's Mission in Stevensville. He wants to become a commercial pilot and an aerospace engineer.



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 **Tyler "Ty" Steele** of Arlee, MT. Ty first informed her parents of her desire to obtain her private pilot's license in 2009. Her mother took her to Ronan for her first flight after which Ty's fiery dream of flying was in full blaze. Ty limited her summer rodeo schedule to secure a job to help pay for flight instruction. College interests include Rocky Mountain College, University of Arizona and the University of Utah. She is a 3.0 student in her junior year at Arlee High School. She is also an accomplished barrel racer winning her first state barrel racing title at the age of 10. Since then she has had two more state titles, over twenty buckles and two top 20 national rankings. This scholarship will help Ty's dream become a reality.



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 **Kenneth (Kenny) Ketcham**. In addition to the Blue Goose Scholarship Kenny has also been selected for the **Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship**, MAAA offers this \$1,000 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction. Kenny is a junior at Rocky Mountain College pursuing a degree in Aeronautical Science. While attending RMC, he has earned his instrument, commercial, and multi-engine ratings. This coming semester he will be pursuing his Flight Instructor Rating. Kenny started flying on his 11th birthday. He graduated from La Conner High School as the Class of 2008 Valedictorian. In his first year at RMC, he was selected as the Outstanding Freshman of the Year which was based on his academics and his flying achievements. He has been on the RMC Deans Honor List for excellent grades every semester. He has had a cumulative 3.92 GPA thus far. Kenny has always wanted a career as a professional pilot these scholarships will help him achieve his goal.



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 **Alexander Koch** of Helena, MT. Alex began his aviation education in February 2009 taking the private pilot ground course with his father. He received his ground school certificate and passed the FAA exam on March, 2009. The next summer he began flight training and soloed on his 16th birthday May 11, 2009. The next summer he flew solo in a Cessna 172 and a Cherokee 140. On May 15, 2010 he took his check ride and received his Private Pilot's License for single engine land. His future career goals are to complete the A & P training at the University of Montana Helena College of Technology. He will use this scholarship to help defray the costs of that program or put it towards the costs to obtain an instrument rating.

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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 **Derek Canen** of Hinsdale, MT. Derek is a student at Gallatin College in Bozeman pursuing an Associate's Degree in Applied Sciences – Aviation. He recently completed the first semester of the program in December, 2009 and took his first solo flight on October 7, 2010 in a Diamond Eclipse. He received his private pilot's license on December 17, 2010 in the same plane. He is currently working on his instrument rating and will start his commercial

training next fall. His future plans include graduating from the program in the spring of 2012 and coming an instructor to help build his hours and to share the love of flying with other students. He hopes to someday become the Captain of a commercial airline. Derek will use this scholarship to help with the costs of fulfilling his dream.



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 **Nicholas Wade McKinney** of Missoula, MT. Nicholas is 17 years old and a junior at Big Sky High School in Missoula. He has been interested in flying for most of his life. In middle school he joined the Civil Air Patrol and advanced to the rank of Cadet Major and is currently the Missoula Composite Squadron, Cadet Commander. His current GPA is 3.8.

He is currently enrolled in flight training and soloed on October 6, 2010 and has 20.5 hours of flight time and 2.4 hours of solo time in a Cessna 172. He works a part-time job at McDonalds to help pay for flight training. This scholarship will help support his dream of flight.



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 **Jarvis Tye Weibert** of Hardin, MT. Jarvis has always had a love for aviation. His grandfather and father both hold their pilots license and own Weibert Aerial Spraying in Hardin. When he was 14 he started to fly with his grandfather in a 1969 Cessna 150. When he turned 16 he took flight lessons and took his solo flight on June 15, 2010. He has logged over 30 hours and has passed his private pilots written test. He is fifth in his class and is currently taking all of the advanced placement

college preparatory classes. He is employed at McDonalds as the assistant shift manager. He will use this scholarship to obtain the dream of obtaining his private pilots certificate before he graduates from high school.



Mountain Airdance Flight Training Scholarship – 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 **Logan Grant** of Havre, MT. Logan has always wanted to be a pilot. His dream became a reality in the fall of 2006 when he enrolled in the aviation program at Rocky Mountain College. While at Rocky he received the Derosier Leadership Scholarship and also an academic scholarship. He is part of a new mentoring program in the aviation curriculum at RMC and is very excited for this opportunity to work with and help new students of the aviation program. He obtained his CFI license and started instructing. He is working

towards his multiengine rating and wants to obtain his CFII and MEI rating so he can improve himself as a pilot and also be able to instruct even more aspiring young pilots. He works 30 to 35 hours a week and maintains a 3.5 GPA. The cost of aviation is great but he knows in his heart that there is nothing else he could ever do and he couldn't be happier. Logan will use this scholarship to help achieve higher ratings.

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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 **Daniel Jentz** of Kalispell, MT and **Merilee Nobel Mowbray** of Polson, MT. Daniel was first introduced to flying by the Civil Air Patrol. He received his private pilot's license on November 2, 2010. He hopes to earn his commercial rating while in college. He plans on attending Montana State University and receive a degree in

mechanical engineering with an emphasis in aerospace and aeronautical engineering. He hopes to be able to combine his love for flying with his career in engineering. He would also like to become a flight instructor so that he can help the next generation of those who love aviation become pilots.



Merilee fell in love with flying at an early age and started lessons in 2010. She wants to attain her private pilot's license by June of this year; adding her commercial rating; and then become a certified flight instructor and start teaching young and old aspiring pilots. That job would help her pay for her multi-engine rating. She achieved a 3.14 GPA at Carroll College in Helena, and worked for two summers during college washing airplanes. She is also a certified personal trainer. Merilee hasn't decided on her career for sure as of yet but can't imagine a career in aviation she would not want to try. She

has thought about flying for the U.S. Forest Service during the fire season as a lead-in for slurry bombers, or as a corporate pilot for Montana companies.



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 Muri Cole of Silesia, MT. Muri has been accepted at Rocky Mountain College and plans on starting college there this fall. She plans to

become a successful pilot and get a job either flying guided hunts in Alaska or as an instructor at a small airport. She plans on obtaining her private pilot's license this summer. She has worked hard her whole high school career and has the highest cumulative GPA of her class with a 3.87, and currently a 4.0. Excelling in academics has given her the opportunity to mentor her younger peers.



Stene Aviation Education Scholarship – Stene Aviation established this \$500 scholarship through the Montana Pilots Association Air Safety and Education Foundation as a token of their appreciation to the aviation community. This year's recipient is **Britney Marilyn Petrina** of Whitefish, MT. Britney was seven years old and had already fallen under the spell of aviation's powerful combination of beauty and science. She is a seventeen year old senior at Whitefish High School. Britney obtained her Private Pilot's

license in November of last year after completing her flight requirements and receiving a ninety five percent on her written aeronautical exam. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school. Her goal is to earn an appointment to the Air Force or Naval Academy. This past summer she applied and was accepted for a week long program at both academies. Britney hopes to serve our country as a Naval or Air Force aviator, however she knows whatever career path she pursues, general aviation will be with her for the rest of her life. Britney says "Dreams stay dreams until hard work is applied; at the end of the day, there is no better feeling than soaring in the Big Sky of Montana!"