

2012 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 Kenny Ketcham a senior at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. Kenny received an introductory flight lesson in a small Cessna 152 at his local airport when he was 11 and was "bit by the bug" from then on. On his 16th birthday he soloed for the first time and, immediately following, took his driving test and got his driver's license. He flew an airplane alone before he drove a car alone amazingly enough. Kenny is pursuing a degree in Aeronautical Science. While attending Rocky he has earned his instrument, commercial, multi-engine, advance ground instructor, and certified flight instructor ratings. This semester he will be pursuing his certified flight instructor instrument rating and following the successful completion of that, his multi-engine instructor rating. He currently flight instructs for Rocky.



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 Lori Clark of Lolo, MT. Lori presently works for the Forest Service as an Aviation Operations Specialist primarily supporting management of aviation resources on wildland fires. She is a member of AOPA and the local Flying Club so that she can take advantage of training opportunities that further enhance her knowledge and skills. She has been receiving flight training in small doses as her budget allows. Lori's dream is to complete the training, pass the check ride and finally get her private pilot certificate. Once she succeeds in that milestone, she has set a long-term goal of continuing to build flight hours and eventually work towards a commercial rating.



EAA Helena Chapter 344 Scholarship – The EAA Helena chapter is offering a \$500 scholarship to help defray the cost of school for a 2nd year A&P student. This year's recipient is Callie Kellem of Helena, MT. Callie is attending the A&P program at the University of Montana Helena. Her initial interest was in helicopters she worked on saving enough money for an introductory helicopter flight and after that was hooked for life. She also received some instruction in fixed wing aircraft. Her ultimate goal would be to fly relief missions in rural parts of the world. Once she has finished her A&P certificate she will continue with some medical experience and become at least an EMT Basic. From there she would like to go to Alaska and learn to fly sea and bush planes and gain as much practical experience as she can. Callie feels she is a very blessed individual and the experiences and opportunities she has had in her life have led her to understand that she is designed for and capable of doing some very big things. Her goal in life is to become a useful person, one who contributes rather than withholds, a person who helps not hinders.



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 Daniel Jentz of Kalispell, MT. Daniel was introduced to flying through Civil Air Patrol. He is currently attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and plans to receive a degree in mechanical engineering with an emphasis in the aerospace field. He hopes to combine his love of flying with his career in engineering. Daniel received his private pilot's license in November, 2010 he would like to receive additional ratings to make himself a marketable pilot in the future. Upon graduation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University he will take his commission in the United States Army and serve his country. He plans on branching in aviation and flying helicopters for the Army.



Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship, MAAA offers two \$1,000 scholarships to help defray the costs of flight instruction. This year's recipients are Rebecca Brown of Conrad, MT and Eliza Melin of Livingston, MT. Rebecca is a sophomore at Conrad High School. She has been fascinated with aviation from a very young age. Her love for flying started with her first Young Eagle flight with Jeanne MacPherson. Her love of flight deepened when her father took her flying right after receiving his private pilot's license. Rebecca is an amazing artist and has won first place four times and second place twice in the MDT Aeronautics Divisions Aviation Art Contest. Now that she is old enough to start working towards her own license, she is more excited than ever. Rebecca has held a 4.0 GPA throughout her entire school career. Eliza is 17 years old. Her love of flying started with her Dad's love of flying. She has been flying with him since she was a baby. She is a 5th generation rancher and her family incorporates flying into ranching and also fly for pleasure. They own a 1963 Cessna 172. Eliza knows that flying can be an essential tool in a ranching business and can give you confidence, skill, and a bird's eye-view of the world. She looks forward to learning and someday taking her kids flying just like she was able to do.



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 scholarship has been jointly awarded to Kristina and Hunter Koch of Helena, MT. Kristina has completed a ground school course and began flight instruction at Vetter Aviation in Helena. She has her third class medical and approximately 20 hours of flight instruction. She became interested in aviation by homeschooling her two boys, Alex and Hunter, who both expressed a passionate interest in becoming a pilot. She initially began flight training to simply be prepared for an emergency and be a more knowledgeable and helpful co-pilot. After dedicated study, and many unbelievably exciting and fulfilling flying experiences, becoming a pilot is now a goal she intends to pursue with passion and perseverance. Hunter (Kristina's youngest son) is 16 years old. Hunter's interest in aviation began with a passion for military aviation history. Hunter has successfully completed the private pilot ground school and is currently preparing to take the written private pilot FAA exam. He soloed near his 16th birthday in October 2011. His goal is



to become a pilot and either attend the Air Force Academy or another school in the field of aviation, and/or perhaps combining aviation with his interest in cinematography. He is an active member in MPA, EAA, AOPA. He participated in the Cromwell Dixon event with his mother and brother, Alex, this past year.



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. In addition to this scholarship Mitchel was also awarded the **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. These

scholarships go to Mitchel Huttinga of Twin Bridges, MT. Mitchel is currently a freshman in the Gallatin College Programs of MSU. Last spring he graduated from Sheridan High school in Sheridan, MT and decided to chase his dreams of one day becoming a commercial pilot. Mitchel will soon have his private pilot's license and then start on his instrument training. Mitchel feels his greatest achievements as a pilot include flying solo, flying on multiple local solos, and passing his private pilot written exam.



Morrison Aviation Appreciation Scholarship – Jeff Morrison, retired former owner of Morrison Flying Service in Helena has established this \$500 scholarship as a token of appreciation to the aviation community. This year’s recipient is Michael Harwood of Bozeman, MT. Mike is currently a student at the University of Montana in Helena and will finish with his A&P license in the Spring of 2013. He will use this scholarship to help defray the cost of A&P school. His goal is to work in the aviation industry in avionics, get his pilot’s license, and help people through disaster relief, medical flights, and helping when needed on the mission field with Mission Aviation Fellowship or a similar company. Mike is

married and has two boys. He feels his greatest achievement is providing for his family and going to school at the same time, debt-free.



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 Alex Koch of Helena, MT. Alex began his aviation career in February 2009, successfully completing the private pilot ground school; he passed the FAA written exam in March 2009 and began dual flight training at that time. He soloed on his sixteenth birthday in May, 2009. That summer he flew and soloed both a Cessna 172 and a Cherokee 140. He received his Private Pilot Certificate single engine land on May 15,

2010. His future career goals include completing the A&P program at UM Helena and obtaining his ratings in instrument, commercial, CFI, and ATP. He will also pursue his twin engine rating and tail wheel endorsement. Alex finds the field of aviation truly exciting and fulfilling, and dreams of making it his life’s work.



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 are Wyatt Lytton of Polson, MT and Wyatt Wollenzien of Kalispell, MT. Wyatt Lytton is coming up on his 16th birthday and working towards receiving his private pilot’s license. Growing up a rancher’s son he plans on receiving an agricultural engineering degree. In addition to aviation he loves rodeo and is on the high school rodeo team. Wyatt has a great outlook on life with his motto being keeping his chin up, the Lord

centered in his life, work diligently to keep good grades, stay focused on flying, practice for rodeo, be a good person and give where he can, but above all he wants to be a good role model for his little brother. Wyatt Wollenzien is 17 years old and a junior at Columbia Falls High School. He has wanted to be a pilot for as long as he can remember. He is currently working towards his private pilot’s license with Red Eagle Aviation in Kalispell. He soloed in September 2011 after 13 hours of instruction. He has a 3.5 GPA and hopes to attend the Air Force Academy after high school. His ultimate goal is to fly fighter jets.



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 is a sophomore at Rocky Mountain College and enrolled in the Aeronautical Science Department. His future goals are to complete the four year aviation course at Rocky with all of

the required ratings. From there he would like to get a job flying cargo. This would help him get the hours required to reach his ultimate goal of becoming a corporate pilot. Last May he completed and passed his private pilot check ride. He is currently working on his instrument rating.