

**WMBAA**

*West Michigan Business Aircraft Association*

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**AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The West Michigan Business Aircraft Association (WMBAA) was formed in 1980 to help promote aviation in West Michigan. Part of that effort includes promoting the development and training of future aviation professionals in our area by awarding aviation scholarships to outstanding aviation students. Our desire is to ensure that the industry in West Michigan remains strong. Contributions from aviation industry employers and individuals have allowed us to continue awarding these scholarships for over 25 years.

WMBAA and our sponsors invite interested sophomore, junior and senior aviation students attending a college or university in West Michigan with a GPA of 3.0 or higher to submit an application for a WMBAA Aviation Scholarship.

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## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

### **Sponsored by West Michigan Business Aircraft Association**

The West Michigan Business Aircraft Association (WMBAA) is offering the following scholarships, designed to help offset the high costs of an aviation degree.

- [Donald Reininger Memorial Scholarship Award](#) –One \$3,000 (minimum) cash award available. *The cash will be distributed in the form of a check made out to the recipient and the recipient's college, university or technical school.*
- [Flight Training Award \\*](#) – One *FlightSafety International* Cessna Citation Co-Pilot Initial Training Course  
*\* Applicants for the Flight Training Award must have senior status by the fall of 2009, be a 2009 graduate, or an alumni CFI currently employed by the college who has achieved a Commercial Pilot License with Multi-Engine Rating.*

### **WMBAA Scholarship Applicant Requirements:**

- Applicant must complete and submit the WMBAA Aviation Scholarship Application (attached)
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen
- Applicant must have college sophomore, junior, or senior status by the fall of 2009 and be currently enrolled in a four-year aviation flight program with plans to complete a curriculum leading to a degree and a career in aviation
- Applicant must have maintained a 3.0 minimum GPA (on a 4.0 system) at the time of application
- Finalists will be contacted by Friday, May 1, and must be available Friday, May 8 for personal interviews in Grand Rapids, as well as Friday, June 5, for presentation of scholarships
- The completed application shall be accompanied by the following items:
  - A letter of recommendation from a member of the aviation department faculty at the institution in which the applicant is currently enrolled
  - A current resume
  - **Official transcripts from current and all prior collegiate institutions**
  - A one- to two-page essay describing the applicant's aviation background, current status, and future aviation goals
  - Photocopies of all FAA ratings/certificates held
- Scholarship winners will be asked to provide a photo and short biography for our brochure

Application package must be postmarked by Friday, April 24, 2009, to be considered for the scholarship. Mail application package to:

West Michigan Business Aircraft Association  
c/o John McAlindon  
3726 Oak Creek Ct. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact John McAlindon at: [imcalind@steelcase.com](mailto:imcalind@steelcase.com) or phone: 616-450-5463 or Deb Vis at [dvis@steelcase.com](mailto:dvis@steelcase.com)

**2009 WMBAA AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                                    Middle                                    Last

Temporary Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

US Citizen: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Scholarship(s) applying for: Cash Award \_\_\_ FlightSafety \_\_\_

College, University, or Technical School: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in school (as of 09/08): Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_ Graduated \_\_\_

Grade Point Average (convert to 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Please list any aviation or community service organizations and/or events with which you have been associated:

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Please include any additional information you believe should be considered regarding your qualifications and your commitment to aviation excellence.

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**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:**

This information provided above is true and accurate and I understand that information found to not be true may disqualify me from consideration. I also agree to allow my name and photograph to be used in any publicity regarding the scholarship program.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date