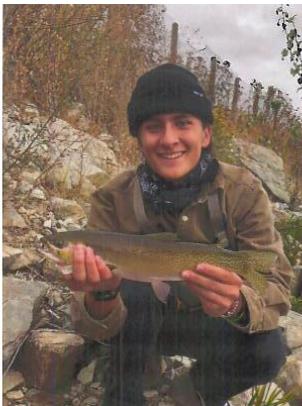


## 2019 Scholarship Recipients



**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 **Hayden Patnode of Lewistown, MT**. Hayden works for Charlie Rogers at Central Air and FBO in Lewistown. Since he started his flight training, he has absolutely fallen in love with the freedom of flying. It gives him the ability to do what few people can, roam the skies as he pleases. After Hayden gets his license and graduates from high school, he plans to chase a career in aviation at Rocky Mountain College and eventually earn his A&P license. After graduation, he hopes to be a commercial 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 **Adrian Garcia of Hamilton, MT**. Adrian was born on the Crow Indian Reservation and is an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe. Upon high school graduation, Adrian plans to pursue a career in aviation. His first goal is to complete an Associate degree in Aeronautics at Northwest College in Powell, WY. He also plans to obtain his private pilot's license with Choice Aviation while attending this program. Adrian's future goals in aviation are to obtain a commercial pilot's license and become a Certified Flight Instructor. He would also someday like to be involved in Aviation Ministry. His long-term career goal is to be a private contractor and own his own airplane and helicopter service.



**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 **Nicole Cannavaro of Missoula, MT**. At an early age, Nicole knew she wanted to be a pilot and aircraft mechanic. In 2016, she attended ground school and started taking flight lessons. In 2019, Nicole moved to Missoula and applied for the apprenticeship program through Neptune Aviation's GA shop. She is currently six months in and is in training for her A&P license. Nicole's goal is to be a dual-rated powerhouse. Beyond wanting to be the best that she can be, it is her hope to help expand and develop the world of aviation, as well as aspire other women to join the career field.

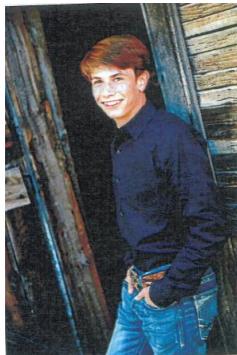


**Charles Taylor – Rosie Riveter Scholarship** – EAA Chapter 344 of Helena, MT is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding second year airframe and power plant student enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance Technician program at the Helena College. This year's recipient is **Austin Wischhusen of Helena, MT**. Austin first became interested in aviation while attending an aviation class in middle school, learning about aircraft and aerodynamics. After graduating high school, Austin enlisted in the United States Navy as an (AD) aviation machinist's mate, "aka" aircraft engine mechanic, going on to work on Boeings EA-18G "Growler." Serving for five years as an AD, Austin fell in love with aviation maintenance and wanted to further his career as an aircraft mechanic in the "civilian world." Austin is currently attending Helena College, and enrolled in the aviation maintenance program where he will later pursue his Airframe and Powerplant certifications to further his passion of aviation maintenance as a certified aircraft mechanic.

## 2019 Scholarship Recipients *Continued*



**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 **Jordan Carter of Florence, MT**. In early spring of 2014, Jordan went on his first Young Eagles flight with a member of the EAA Chapter 517 out of Stevensville, Montana. After that flight, he knew he wanted to get his pilot license. Jordan soloed shortly after his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 2016. Jordan earned his private pilot license in June 2018. Jordan's goal is to stay local and be able to fly the Big Sky as an aviation professional with a college aviation degree.



**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 **Bridger Lamb of Shepherd, MT**. Bridger is currently a freshman at Rocky Mountain College majoring in Aeronautical Science and pursuing his private pilot's license. This past summer, Gary Blain, the owner of Billings Flying Service, offered Bridger a job where he has gained experience and knowledge about aeronautics and both helicopters and airplanes. Aviation is something Bridger is passionate about and something he wants to be around the rest of his life.

**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 **Bannack Kisthard of Red Lodge, MT**. In his spare time, you can find Bannack first and foremost immersed in some sort of aviation activity with flying being on the top of the list as well as his new project of building an experimental airplane. Bannack aspires to be a commercial airline pilot, achieve a CFI rating allowing him to teach dreamers like him to fly and an A&P license to help him have a full understanding of the mechanics of airplanes.



The **\$1,000 Aviation Career Training Scholarship** recipient is **Carina Bracy of Billings, MT**. Carina is currently a sophomore pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Science with minors in Aircraft Dispatch, unmanned aerial systems, and Business Management at Rocky Mountain College. Over the course of her freshman year at Rocky, Carina earned her private pilot license and her instrumental rating. She is now finishing her commercial pilot training and will work towards her verified flight instructor license during the spring semester. Carina's career goal is to become an airline pilot. She plans on flight instructing during her junior and senior years so that she can get her R-ATP license soon after she graduates in May of 2021 and then fly for a regional airline before moving up to a major airline.



**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 **Heidi Heiland of Hamilton, MT**. Heidi was flying before she was driving. At 14 she took her introductory flight, on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday she soloed five different airplanes, and at 17 received her Private Pilots License. She plans to continue her flight training and to become CFI and CFII rated. Knowing that flying is what she was meant to do, she is extremely excited and determined to make her dreams become her reality.

## 2019 Scholarship Recipients *Continued*

**Montana Ninety-Nines Scholarships** - These scholarships are offered to qualified female candidates residing in Montana who are interested and passionate about aviation. This year's recipients are **Morgan Bowen of Missoula, MT and Casey Mann of Florence, MT.**



Morgan is a student fueled by compassion, community, aviation and science. She is a graduate student with a focus on agriculture and water. Morgan is passionate about utilizing aviation as a tool to help solve some of the questions she has as an environmental scientist. She hopes to become a science communicator and share her love of the outdoors with others by allowing people to see the beauty of our world from the sky.



Casey attended the University of Montana where she studied Business Management for two years. Currently, Casey operates her own distribution company, where she holds contracts with national brands to distribute around the Missoula Valley. From a young age, flying is something that has always fascinated her. She has always yearned to learn the workings of aircraft and the science of flight. Casey has an innate sense of direction and is excited to take that skill into the air.



**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 year's recipient is **Jason Mittermaier from Billings, MT.** Jason's first general aviation flight was as a three-year-old along with his Dad and Great Uncle in a Mooney M20A. Jason has earned his private pilot license and is working towards his instrument rating. Jason is a full time student at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT studying Aeronautical Science. He plans to pursue additional certificates and ratings and would like to instruct as he works towards a career in professional aviation.



**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 **Bannack Kisthard of Billings, MT.** In his spare time, you can find Bannack first and foremost immersed in some sort of aviation activity with flying being on the top of the list as well as his new project of building an experimental airplane. Bannack aspires to be a commercial airline pilot, achieve a CFI rating allowing him to teach dreamers like him to fly and an A&P license to help him have a full understanding of the mechanics of airplanes.



**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 **Hunter Koch of Helena, MT.** Hunter's interests in aviation started with a study of military aviation history in his youth. A passion for flight followed with ground and flight lessons. Hunter soloed at the age of 16 and attained his private pilot license in February 2014. His goal is to become a US Air Force pilot. Hunter plans to become a NASA pilot/astronaut, after a career in the US Air Force. His passion for military aviation history, aerobatics, and his moral obligation to serve his country is why he is pursuing this career.



**Theresa (Nistler) Colley Scholarship** - Mountain AirDance Flight Instruction and Bill Gallea offer this \$1,000 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 **Nicole (Nicky) Phillips of Stevensville, MT.** The dream of flying came around the age of 14, however, Nicky would not fulfill this dream until the age of 23 when she did her first discovery flight. Since that day, Nicky has had no doubt that she wanted, or rather needed, to be a pilot. While a student at the University of Montana, she continues to work diligently towards her pilot's license. Nicky has recently completed a solo cross-country flight and hopes to use this scholarship to finish her private pilot's license and continue her flying career.



**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 **Danielle Maniere of Missoula, MT.** Growing up in Florida initially sparked her interest in aviation. From flying small planes with her grandfather to watching shuttle launches from her back porch, Danielle knew she would never be satisfied with her feet on the ground. She learned to fly as a senior in high school and acquired her pilot's license a year later. Danielle worked her way through Instrument, Single and Multi-Commercial, and finally CFI. She is currently the head flight instructor for Northstar Jet in Missoula, Montana. Her goal is to obtain her CFII and MEI to help expand the flight school with the ultimate goal of becoming a backcountry charter pilot.