

2022 EAA 113 Aviation Scholarships

The EAA Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the recipients of the 2022 Aviation Scholarships. It is an honor to offer these young people financial support on their aviation journeys. We can sense their passion and are confident they have a great deal to offer the field of aviation.

Aarya Manikantan

Our first recipient has been awarded a \$500.00 scholarship to attend Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin this summer. Aarya attends Middle School in Novi. He has been a Young Eagle at Chapter 113 several times and is also a member of the Civil Air Patrol. He has visited several aviation museums around the country including attending an overnight camp at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo.

Aarya is particularly interested in military aircraft. He uses his interest in reading to further gain knowledge in this area. His favorite book is “The Encyclopedia of Aircraft of WWII”! He plays various aviation simulator games and enjoys watching aviation documentary programs. Aarya has the goal of becoming a Commercial airline pilot one day.

Look for Aarya to give a presentation to the Chapter after attending Air Academy Camp this summer.



Jack Javor

Jack Javor is the recipient of a \$3,000 EAA 113 2022 Aviation Studies Scholarship. Jack will be graduating from Plymouth High School this Spring. He has been accepted to the University of Michigan Dearborn for the Fall of 2022 where he will pursue a degree in Engineering.

Jack has had an interest in aviation since he was in the second grade, when he started flying remote control airplanes. By the time he was in the Fifth Grade, he built his first RC plane and joined the Flying Pilgrims RC Club. Now, he is instructing at the club in addition to building more airplanes.

When Jack was 15, he went on his first full scale flight lesson. He was surprised the instructor let him fly most of the flight with no prior actual flight experience! It was that first lesson that sealed his fate for aviation. He continued with lessons as able with school and a pandemic. Jack is near his check ride for his Private Pilot License now and will proceed on with his Instrument Rating.

Jack's goals are to become a Flight Instructor and work in that capacity throughout college. He plans to earn a degree in aeronautical engineering and eventually design airplanes.

Clearly, Jack's perseverance and passion will push him to success in aviation. Good Luck, Jack!!

The logo for the University of Michigan Dearborn, featuring a stylized yellow "M" on a dark blue background, followed by the text "UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN" in white, uppercase letters.

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Megan Ianni

Our second recipient of a \$3,000 EAA 113 Aviation Studies Scholarship is Megan Ianni. Megan is from Portage, Michigan where she attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College. There she received an Associate of Arts in Business Administration and was awarded with the distinction of honors. She is currently attending Western Michigan University where she is pursuing a dual degree of a Bachelor of Business Administration, majoring in Finance and the second is a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Aviation Management and Operations with a minor in Aviation Supply Chain Management.

She has worked and saved since she was a sophomore in high school to attend college debt free thus far. Her most recent job was at a local cabinetry company where she learned the business operations quickly and became the senior operations manager. She coordinated budgets, production schedules, negotiating contracts, and maintained financial recordkeeping. She was fortunate to have the opportunity to job shadow staff at the Grand Rapids International Airport. She was able to network and explore her aviation passion.

Megan's career goals are to work at an airline and perform network planning and innovation which will emphasize a balance of profitability and efficiency for the airline. This ultimate dream job combines her passion for aviation and planning. She credits the hometown museum, the Air Zoo, for her interest in aviation. It was co-founded by Suzanne Upjohn DeLano Parish, a WASP who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II. With Sue Parish as her role model, Megan continues to keep her passion alive because she can see how women can succeed in every field of aviation. She hopes to one day earn her Master's degree so she can teach aviation to pass along her love of aviation to others.



Megan's drive to succeed and proven successful track record, will take her great distances along her aviation path and through life. Best Wishes, Megan!

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2022 EAA 113 Aviation Scholarships!

Look for an update on our current Ray Scholar, as well as an introduction to our newest Ray Scholarship Applicant very soon!