



CASCADE WARBIRDS AWARDS RECORD NUMBER OF PILOT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

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Cascade Warbirds received an outstanding number of scholarship applications from an amazing group of young people that resulted in a record high of twelve awards at their March meeting at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Each year the organization of historic military aviation enthusiasts awards flight training scholarships to young people interested in aviation careers.

This year's recipients are Gada Ahmed, *Franklin High School*, Seattle; Jake Anderson, *Sky Valley Education Center*, Monroe; Joe Cavanaugh, *Emerald Ridge High School*, Puyallup; Logan Delapp, *Bonney Lake High School*, Bonney Lake; Devin Graves, *Mount Rainier High School*, Des Moines; London Holmes, *Sammamish High School*, Bellevue; Alex Marshall, *Redmond High School*, Redmond; Taylor Moffitt, a graduate of *Mount Rainier High School*, Des Moines; **Mackenzie Rennhack, Henry M. Jackson High School, Mill Creek**; Jeffrey Spaeth, *Raisbeck Aviation High School*, Seattle; Conner Spurling, *Arlington High School*, Arlington; and Michael Zendejas, graduating from high school and *Green River College* simultaneously this year.

Nine of the winners were at the final meeting of the non-flying season and were asked to describe how this opportunity fit into their future plans. All expressed a long standing interest in aviation, and all wanted to be active participants in flying, most as pilots.

Cascade Warbirds, promotes the restoration, preservation, operation and public display of historically significant military aircraft, and offers the scholarships for Private Pilot Ground School with Introductory Flights to inspire today's young people to become the aviation pioneers of tomorrow. Cascade Warbirds has teamed with Galvin Flight Service at Boeing Field, Seattle, to provide scholarship recipients with tuition, books and supplies, and two introductory instructional flights. Successful completion of this Private Pilot Ground School will qualify a student to take the FAA Private Pilot Written Exam. Each flight includes a pre-flight briefing, actual taxi and runway procedures, introduction to radio communications, the take-off, a series of in-flight maneuvers, the return and landing, and post-flight procedures. These two flights will be logged in the student's personal logbook and count toward the minimum flight time required to earn a Private Pilot license. This scholarship is valued at \$1,125 and the number of awards has doubled this year, which had been a 50% increase over the previous year.

Cascade Warbirds is Squadron #2 of EAA Warbirds of America and is a non-profit organization of local aviation enthusiasts, many of whom are pilot-owners of historic military aircraft. With over 250 members and the largest squadron in Warbirds of America, Cascade Warbirds is centered in the Puget Sound area. It meets at the Museum of Flight in Seattle from October until flying weather returns in April. Its mission is to promote and encourage the flying preservation and display of Warbird aircraft (Keep 'em Flying), to honor Veterans, and to engage in aviation education.

Photo: Cascade Warbirds 2018 Scholarship winners with their award certificates overlooking the Grand Gallery at the Museum of Flight. From left to right: Squadron Commander Ron Morrell, Alex Marshall, Jake Anderson, Jeffrey Spaeth, **JHS Student Mackenzie Rennhack**, London Holmes, Taylor Moffitt, Joe Cavanaugh, Conner Spurling, Logan Delapp and Scholarship Committee Chairman Pete Jackson. Each scholarship is valued at over \$1100, includes two flights, and completion qualifies a student to take the FAA Private Pilots written examination. (Photo by Dan Shoemaker)