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FINDING AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS: TWO LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES



Pursuing a career in aviation is exciting but comes with financial challenges. Fortunately, scholarships are available to help aspiring pilots achieve their goals. Here are two local current opportunities designed to support flight training and aviation education.

Fasiang Future of Flight Scholarship

Website: <https://bold.org/scholarships/fasiang-future-of-flight-scholarship/>

Founded by a local aviator, this scholarship was created to help the next generation of pilots follow in her footsteps. The founder is passionate about giving back and ensuring others have opportunities to succeed. The scholarship is awarded to an aspiring pilot who is committed to a career in aviation and has demonstrated a dedication to helping others.

Applicants are asked to submit an essay about their aviation journey, career aspirations, and how they plan to contribute to the aviation community. This scholarship not only provides financial assistance but also encourages pilots to foster a spirit of mentorship and service.

Reno Air Racing Association Flight Training Scholarship

Website: <https://airrace.org/flight-training-scholarships/>

The Reno Air Racing Association (RARA) has a long-standing commitment to aviation education and has been awarding flight training scholarships since 2022. Their program provides scholarships to young aviators working toward their Private Pilot Certificate, helping to remove financial barriers that often delay or prevent flight training.

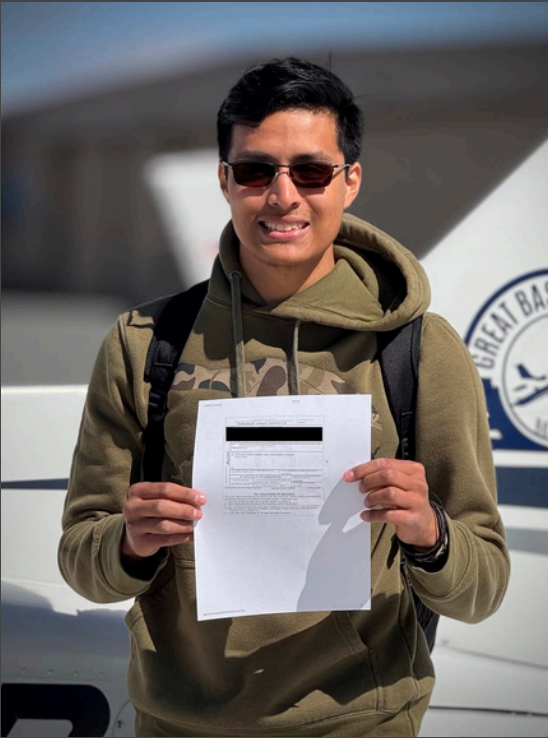
RARA's scholarship program is unique in its emphasis on community engagement. By supporting young pilots, they aim to cultivate future aviators who will contribute to the aviation industry and potentially carry on the legacy of air racing. Scholarship recipients are expected to pursue their flight training with dedication and enthusiasm, ensuring that the investment in their education benefits both them and the broader aviation community.

Why Apply?

Both scholarships offer more than just financial support—they are opportunities to connect with the aviation community, gain recognition, and advance your training with fewer financial constraints. If you're serious about becoming a pilot, these programs can help you stay on track and focus on your passion for flying. Visit the scholarship websites to learn more and apply before the deadlines!

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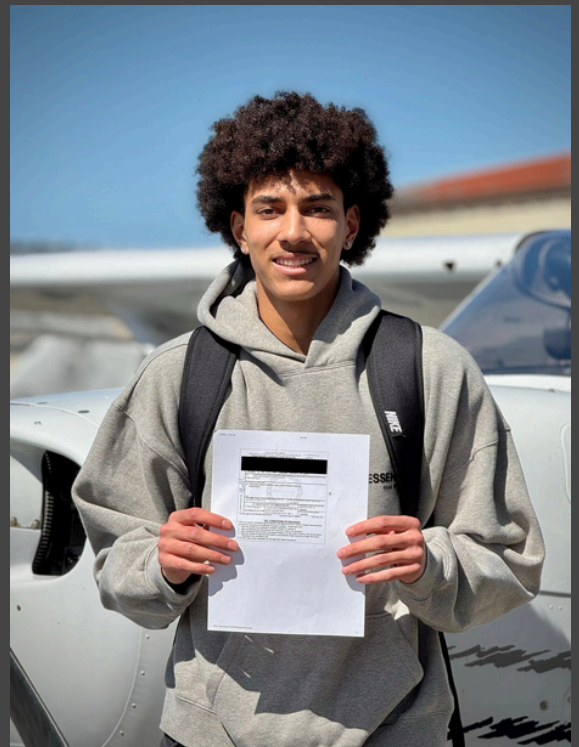
GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**JACOB HULSIZER –
PRIVATE**

Finally, some good weather! And what better way to take advantage of it than by earning your private pilot license? Well, GBA's January Pilot of the Month, Jacob Hulsizer, did just that this morning and aced his private pilot checkride! After a brief hiatus from flight training due to weather, there was truly no doubt that Jacob would come in today and absolutely crush his ride. I mean come on, how could he not? He is Mr. Pilot of the Month after all. Jacob has been sharpening his ground knowledge and fine-tuning the smallest details of his flying—when I say they were minute changes, I mean they were MINUTE changes. This guy's an absolute stud in the plane. It's evident that Jacob's true place is in the sky and we're so excited to celebrate this incredible accomplishment with him today! On that note, let's give Jacob and his flight instructor, Andrew Spanier, a huge round of applause in celebration of this incredible milestone! Jacob, we have no doubt that you'll continue to impress us as you move on through your ratings. Next step is instrument! Awesome work!

After weeks of battling bad weather and multiple reschedules, the time has come, Kris Bell completed his checkride and earned his private pilot license today! Born in Canada, Kris tapped into his inner Canadian and remained calm in the face of all this tumultuous weather. It's been a test of patience, but Kris stayed focused, put in the work, and made it happen. Originally, Kris began his flight training in Las Vegas before moving to Reno to study at UNR full time. Since then, he's been balancing school and flight training, making the most of every opportunity to get in the air. When he's not flying, he's either studying hard, hitting the slopes on his snowboard, and having a good time with his friends. Let's give Kris a huge congratulations on this absolutely amazing accomplishment, and while we're at it, give his flight instructor, James Morgan, a thank you for guiding Kris along this path. Amazing work Kris! We can't wait to see where your aviation journey takes you next!



**KRIS BELL –
PRIVATE**



**RUBEN LARA –
SOLO**

Let's give a standing ovation for Ruben Lara, who just took center stage in the sky with his first solo flight this morning at KSPZ! Kicking his instructor out and taking off from Runway 24 in N752DW, Ruben stayed cool and calm in the face of the feat ahead: solo flight. Hitting all the right notes, Ruben soared through the air and dominated the pattern entirely on his own (with maybe a few words of encouragement from his flight instructor, Andrew Spanier, on the ground). When Ruben's not flying, he's wowing crowds with his incredible voice, performing gigs with his band around town, but today, the only sound he needed was the hum of the engine and the rush of the wind beneath his wings. Despite the bad weather trying to throw off his rhythm lately, he stayed in tune with his training and made this solo flight a chart-topping success! Let's give Ruben Lara and Andrew a huge congratulations on this awesome accomplishment! And this is just the opening act—there are many more great performances to come in Ruben's aviation career. Bravo, Ruben! Keep flying high and making the skies your stage!

The other day I saw a picture of Andy Glenn with a naked lip, and I swear... I've had nightmares ever since... HEHE just kidding! You know him, you love him, his name is Andy Glenn and he's officially a commercial pilot! In all honesty, how can you truly call yourself a commercial pilot if you don't have a mustache? I mean look at him, Andy looks like he's been a commercial pilot for years now! But on second thought... maybe it's just a line tech thing? Come to think of it all of the GBA line guys seem to have glorious mustaches. Andy has been balancing the ramp as a line tech, battling weather these last few weeks, getting in his hours, and mastering his power-off 180s, and today it all came down to the moment of truth: the commercial checkride. While we love to give Andy a hard time, Andy has been working incredibly hard to get to this point in his training and we're so incredibly excited to celebrate this absolutely awesome accomplishment with him. Let's give Andy and his flight instructor, Richard Brong, a huge round of applause on this milestone! Keep up the amazing work, Andy! I'm sure we'll see more of him here again soon as he battles CFI training. Until then!



**ANDY GLENN –
COMMERCIAL**