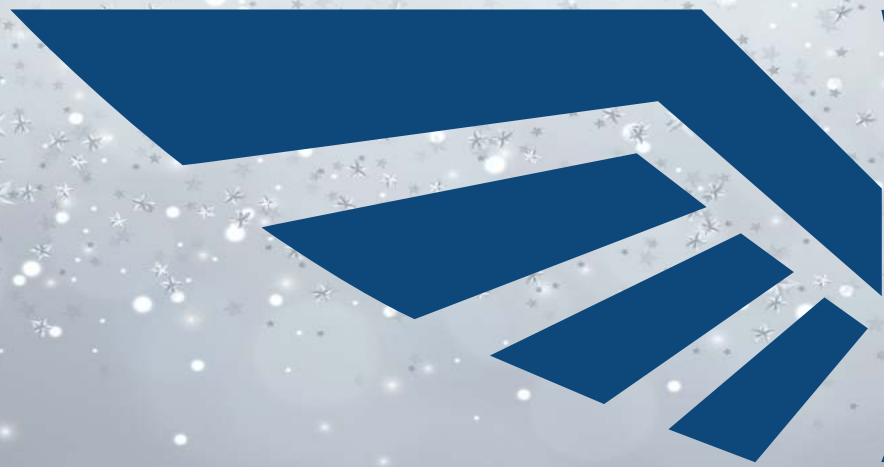


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# Al Michaud Memorial Bursary

Kensington  
Hewson





“Being awarded the Al Michaud Memorial Scholarship has a great impact on me, as it not only alleviates financial burden but also allows me to focus on my training and career aspirations.”

– *Kensington Hewson, Al Michaud Memorial Bursary*

# Alpha Aviation Multi-IFR Training Scholarship

Spencer  
Holborn



“Aviation has been part of my life for as long as I can remember, as my grandfather worked as an AME for many years. However, what truly pulled me into the industry was the sense of adventure that flying brings.”

– *Spencer Holborn, Alpha Aviation Multi-IFR Training Scholarship*



# Anderson Family Private Flight Training Scholarship

Oliver Strim



“From a young age, I was very fortunate to travel with my family all around the world. During these travels I was always curious about airplanes. Whenever I could, I would try to get a seat in the cockpit and have a chat with the pilot. While growing up, my parents had a big circle of friends that were commercial pilots for international airlines. I found it intriguing that they got to fly all around the world as their job. I spent countless hours interrogating them about their life and job which has led me to the decision of pursuing commercial aviation as a career. I am very excited for this next adventurous chapter of my life.”

– *Oliver Strim, Anderson Family Private Flight Training Scholarship*



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# Ann and Rudy Bauer Memorial Bursary

Eunjin Huh





“My father is the main driver behind my decision to work in aviation. Although he is not a pilot, he dedicated half of his life to working for an airline, and the stories he told me ever since I was a kid were always fascinating. As my journey as a student pilot progressed, I discovered that the aviation industry is a whole other world that I wasn't fully aware of as well.”

– *Eunjin Huh, Anne and Rudy Bauer Memorial Scholarship*

# Barry and Jim Aviation Maintenance Graduate

Benjamin Porter



“This scholarship has a huge impact on me. With taking flying lessons as well as being in AMT school full time, my plate is very full. Having this scholarship allows me to be able to pay for tuition costs and allows me to use the time I have to put towards studying, whether for my next flight lesson or for the next upcoming assignment at school. Thank you so much for choosing me as the recipient of this scholarship.”

*– Benjamin Porter, Barry and Jim Aviation Maintenance Graduate Scholarship*



# BCAC Aviation and Aerospace Scholarship #1

Michaela  
Chroustova



“I have been always inspired by aviation, but didn’t realize it could be my career path until my friend obtained her pilot’s license. When my dad came to visit me, I asked for his opinion on starting flight school and took him for a scenic flight. My dad was very supportive and told me that becoming a pilot was one of his unfulfilled dreams. A couple of days later, I decided to take an introductory flight and the rest is history.”

– *Michaela Chroustova, BCAC Aviation and Aerospace Scholarship #1*

# BCAC Aviation and Aerospace Scholarship #2

Jamie Coutts





“I have gone into the aviation industry through my passion for travel, persistent learning and problem solving. There’s nothing more exciting than to be able to see the world come a different view. Thank you for the help towards making my dream come true!”

– *Jamie Coutts, BCAC Aviation & Aerospace Scholarship #2*

# Conair Group Commercial Aviation Training

Alex Herbert



“Growing up in Richmond, when I was a toddler I would regularly freeze in my tracks and stare when I saw an airplane overhead until it was no longer in sight, and that is when my curiosity for aviation was born. To this day, I still stop in my tracks and stare at airplanes until they’re out of sight. This career was my childhood dream and this scholarship helps me achieve it.”

– *Alex Herbert, Conair Group Commercial Aviation Training*

# Emil Oucharek Memorial Rotary Scholarship

## Terra Samson





“Flying along the coast to California and then returning inland, I landed in Independence, OR, a community with driveways on one side of their houses and taxiways on the other. Despite not knowing anyone, minutes after touching down, I was greeted with open arms, a place to stay, and dinner plans. Reaching 100 total flight hours and meeting my long cross-country fixed-wing CPL requirements made this experience even more spectacular.”

– *Terra Samson, Emil Oucharek Memorial Rotary Scholarship*



# BCGA Erissa Yong Bursary

Elizabeth  
Molyneaux



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“I've gone into the aviation industry because I've found that wherever airplanes are found, there is sure to be a community of people who support each others' goals. There is a certain spark in everyone who has a passion for aviation, and it is so rewarding to be able to share that with so many others.”

– *Elizabeth Molyneaux, BCGA Erissa Yong Bursary*

# Ernie Alexander, Q.C. Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Munro





“I went into the aviation industry because I have always been interested in flying and to explore the world. I grew up near CFB Comox and seeing the Snowbirds and F-18s fly overhead was an inspiration to me, and since I was seven years old, I knew I wanted to fly. At the age of 12 years old I joined Air Cadets to pursue my passion and within the program I got my Glider Pilots Licence. I was hooked right away, and it confirmed that I wanted to do this as a career. My Godfather was also a huge inspiration to me as he too was a pilot and I loved to listen to his many stories of bush flying. It just made sense to me to continue this amazing career. In May 2022 I was one of twenty-four that got into BCIT's Airline and Flight Operations Commercial Pilot diploma program. There hasn't been a single day I regret doing this! I loved waking up every morning and going flying!”

– *Matthew Munro, Ernie Alexander QC Memorial Scholarship*

# Francois Leh Flight Instructor Training Scholarship

Richard Willison



“A career in aviation has been my long-standing aspiration. For me, the industry's allure lies in its excitement, vibrancy, and constant challenges where each day brings something new and requires continuous learning and study.”

– *Richard Willison, Francois Leh Flight Instructor  
Training Scholarship*



# Harbour Air AME Scholarship + Internship #1

Bryce Brown





“Receiving the Harbour Air Fixed Wing AME Scholarship and Optional Apprenticeship has a huge impact on my life. This helps me develop my career as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer and establish myself in British Columbia.”

– *Bryce Brown, Harbour Air AME Scholarship and Internship #1*

# Harbour Air AME Scholarship + Internship #2

Ashley Egroff



“According to a 2021 study conducted by the FAA, only 2.6% of all aircraft maintenance technicians are women. I am proud to be contributing to breaking the glass ceiling for women in trades and STEM, and to be sending a message to girls and women everywhere, especially my younger sisters. We belong in trades; we belong here.”

*– Ashley Egroff, Harbour Air AME Scholarship and Internship #1*

# Harbour Air AME Scholarship + Internship #3

Alea McLaren





“A natural interest in mathematics, physics and how systems work, along with the drive to provide more diversity to the AME field.”

– *Alea McLaren, Harbour Air AME Scholarship and Internship #2*

# Helijet Helicopter AME, IFR or eVTOL Training

Sue Land William  
Ko



“I chose to be a part of the aviation industry thanks to my interests in transportation and the machines that move us, as well as in electronics and technology. Pursuing Avionics allowed me to combine those interests, while also opening doors to a fulfilling and satisfying career in an important role.”

*– Sue Land William Ko, Helijet Helicopter AME, IFR or eVTOL Training Scholarship*

# John and Michelle Ward Commercial Flight Training

Brian Poole





“I have held a lifelong passion for flying, and can vividly recall returning from a vacation with my parents and being most excited about flying to and from the trip! I told myself then that I needed to work in or around aviation. Fast forward 25 years and one career later and I finally feel like I'm in the place I'm supposed to be. This scholarship helps ease my family of the financial burden of training - I have two children under 5 and am sincerely appreciative of anything that helps us get closer to my goals.”

– *Brian Poole, John & Michelle Ward Commercial Flight Training Scholarship*



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# Kelowna International Airport Region (YLW) Scholarship

Kendra Huttema



“ I decided to go into the aviation industry mostly because airplanes are cool! Seriously though, the cool factor definitely plays a part, but I wanted to do something both challenging and rewarding for my career and found that those things converge in aviation, more specifically, piloting. I was also blessed to have many notable aviation influences who helped cultivate the little ‘seed’ of interest I first had, into something hearty enough to withstand the difficulties of flight training .”

– *Kendra Huttema, Kelowna International Airport Region (YLW)  
Scholarship*

# Langley Aero Club

## Alexander Smith





“I grew up in Pitt Meadows British Columbia right beside the airport so ever since I can remember it has been my dream to get behind the controls of the planes I always see flying above. I have always heard the saying that if you love what you do you will never work a day in your life so what better way to make that my reality than to make my dream a career.”

– *Alexander Smith, Langley Aero Club Scholarship*

# Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Chief Dolleen Logan YXS/BCAC Scholarship

Shannon Munro



“I entered the aviation industry because I got brought on a helicopter tour for my birthday one year and was blown away by the different areas and beautiful scenery that could be accessed by helicopters. Upon further research, I discovered a demand in the field and decided that I would love to be a part of such an amazing industry, and make some positive changes in the aviation field in such a fashion that I leave an awesome legacy for others to learn from and grow upon.”

– *Shannon Munro, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Chief Dolleen Logan, YXS & BCAC Scholarship*

**Lynne Denison  
Foster BCIT  
Student**

**Hiu Yan Rebecca  
Shek**





“Covid-19 had a profound impact on the Hong Kong aviation business in 2020, causing the loss of my beloved career as a flight attendant. However, winning this scholarship has given me encouragement, reaffirming that continuing my career in aviation in Canada was the right decision. After finishing my education at BCIT, I hope to make significant contributions to the Canadian aviation industry.”

*– Hiu Yan Rebecca Shek, Lynne Denison Foster BCIT Student*

# Mary Swain Memorial Aviation Training Supporting Women

Leana Temoana



“I have been fascinated by aviation since I was 12 years old when I lived on a tiny Pacific Island nation called Kiribati. While I was there, I saw the importance of small cargo planes bringing much needed food and medical supplies. Fast forward 10 years, my experience in the South Pacific coupled with my first float plane ride over looking the gulf islands - I needed to learn to fly! I hope to one day be able to fly to remote towns or islands and have an impact by serving small communities in bringing needed goods and cargo..”

*– Mary Swain Memorial Aviation Training Supporting Women*

# Nanaimo (YCD) Airport Employee Training

Molly Copeland





“I have been exposed to aviation throughout my entire life and have been continually impressed by the level of passion in the industry. The enthusiasm is contagious and I am very excited to start a career in a complex and ever-changing industry.”

– *Nanaimo (YCD) Airport Employee Training*

**Pacific Coastal  
Airlines,  
Daryl Smith  
Memorial,  
Indigenous Youth  
Aviation Scholarship**

**Alexee Gustafson**



“I have gone into the aviation industry as I find it very fascinating. I love flying and learning about aviation and I am very excited to continue learning and working towards a career in the industry.”

– *Alexee Gustafson, Pacific Coastal Airlines Daryl Smith Memorial Indigenous Youth Aviation Scholarship*

# **Pacific Coastal Airlines, Paul Biglin Memorial, Indigenous Youth Aviation Scholarship**

**Charlotte Gibson**





“Three years ago, Van Miller, a 50-year bush pilot in Northern BC invited me to fly to Sturdy Valley on a trip with him to deliver food and supplies to a mining exploration company. The weather that day was less than desirable and there was a line of intense thunderstorms in the vicinity of the strip that required an ascent to 18,000 feet, and then a steep descent into the valley bottom. Van’s calmness and control of the aircraft were outstanding and that experience helped me realize that flying is what I wanted to do for my career..”

*– Charlotte Gibson, Pacific Coastal Airlines, Paul Biglin Memorial, Indigenous Youth Aviation Scholarship*

# Pacific Coastal Airlines, Sheldon Smith Memorial, Pilot/AME Aviation Training Scholarship

Jared Roffey



“This scholarship will allow me to complete my multi/ifr rating this fall and continue my growth in the industry. Many of my close colleagues have transitioned to working for Pacific Coastal and it is my dream to follow them next year. It feels very fitting to receive this scholarship sponsored by Pacific Coastal, further fueling my determination to achieve this dream.”

– *Jared Roffey, Pacific Coastal Airlines Sheldon Smith Memorial Pilot/AME Aviation Training Scholarship*



# PAMEA Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

Carter Smith





“My passion has always been to fix things and figuring out how things work. In high school I excelled in all types of trade courses such as mechanics, welding and woodwork. I am excited to enter the field of aviation where I can apply my skills, learn new ones and use my detail oriented mindset to fix impressive machines and help others while doing so.”

– *Carter Smith, PAMEA Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Scholarship*

# PetroValue Airport Management and Technical Training

Susan Fraser



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“I have gone into aviation as I was always drawn to how the industry learns from mistakes in a way others don't, and the logistics of sure a large, interconnected transportation method have always been fascinating. It remains so jarring to me how people around me are not interested is watching planes fly by!”

– *Susan Fraser, PetroValue Airport Management and Technical Training*

# West Coast Pilot Club

Kirk Wilson





“One of the reasons why I decided to go into an aviation-based field is I grew up watching aircraft taking off from Comox. All of the training they did over the water was always one of my favourite things to watch and the passion grew from there.”

– *Kirk Wilson, West Coast Pilot Club Scholarship*

# William Templeton Airport Operations Management Training

Hanish Trivedi



“I've always been fascinated by planes and the idea of flying, and I wanted to make a career out of it. And there has been no looking back since I started my journey in the aviation industry in 2006. Again, thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to attending the Silver Wings event and meeting you and everyone else there!”

– *Hanish Trivedi, William Templeton Airport Operations Management Training*



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We're sure you'll find something to love! Auction closes Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 Pacific.







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