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AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED TO [CITY] RESIDENT BY LOCAL EAA CHAPTER [#]

Award part of annual \$1 million Ray Aviation Scholarship program

(CITY, STATE) — (DATE) — [NAME] OF [CITY], [STATE] has received a unique full-scholarship opportunity for flight training, thanks to EAA Chapter [#] of [CITY] and the Ray Aviation Scholarship program administered by the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Ray Aviation Scholars program provides up to \$10,000 scholarships to young people who are seeking to learn to fly. The Ray Foundation has provided \$1 million to fund the scholarship program, which seeks to improve the flight training success rate from the current industry standards of 20 percent to 80 percent for program participants. Local EAA chapters are responsible for identifying youth for the Ray Aviation Scholarship program and mentoring them through flight training. The Ray Foundation is furthering the legacy of James Ray, an EAA lifetime member who was dedicated to aviation and youth education. The initiative is designed to help meet the tremendous future demand for pilots and associated aviation careers.

[NAME] will be training at [FLIGHT SCHOOL] based at [AIRPORT]. The scholarship is designed to support a flight student through both written and practical segments of flight training that are part of successful FAA pilot certification.

EAA chapters play a critical role in the success of the Ray Aviation Scholarship program. Chapters interested in participating are prequalified by EAA through an application process. If selected, they mentor and support the scholarship recipient throughout their flight training journey. Once selected as a Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund participant, candidates also commit to volunteer service with the local EAA chapter.

EAA Chapter [#] is one of 900 local chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the world's largest organization for recreational flying. It meets at [LOCATION] on [DATE, SUCH AS THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH]. More information on EAA Chapter [#] is available at [WEBSITE OR OTHER CONTACT POINT].

About EAA

EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 219,000 members and 900 local chapters enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or go to www.eaa.org. For continual news updates, connect with www.twitter.com/EAA.