

## The Sattler Foundation Scholarship

Aviation is in my blood. My great grandfather was in the Royal Air Force during World War II. His brother, my great-great-uncle, was also in the Royal Air Force but tragically died at the young age of nineteen when his plane was shot down over the English Channel by the Germans. My grandfather is an aeronautical engineer and has several patents credited to him for airplane wing designs. My grandmother is a retired flight attendant for American Airlines. My uncle is a commercial pilot for Delta, and both of my parents are also pilots. So, as you can see aviation runs in my family. They are all incredibly supportive of me chasing my dream of becoming a professional pilot.

I believe that I deserve this scholarship for multiple reasons. First, I started gaining interest in aviation at the young age of thirteen when my mother took me to my first Women in Aviation conference in our hometown of Nashville. I loved looking at all of the different booths and displays that the airlines and corporations had set up, and getting gifts was a plus. When you think about a thirteen-year-old sitting through hour-long lectures at this conference, I can safely say that they would have reached complete boredom by the thirty-minute mark. Not me though, I was completely invested in all of the speakers and what they had to say. I went up to them after the lectures and met them and shook their hands and told them I wanted to be a pilot one day too. My favorite part of the entire convention was by far getting to fly the flight simulators. I loved the feeling of being able to control the “plane” through the little orange hoops on the screen, and then almost making a perfect landing at the end. My mom constantly reminds me of that day because I flew the simulator for over an hour straight, and eventually got kicked off because there was a line growing by the side of the booth. I have been to two other Women in Aviation conferences, one in Orlando and the other was in Nashville again. I love seeing so many women

have the same passion for flying like me. It is truly inspiring to see women come together and showcase what they love to do for the younger generations. Many women are scared to go into flying because it is prominently a male-dominated career. However, I have been inspired by so many different women in my life who have become fantastic pilots, and soon I will join the small but mighty 5% of female pilots in the entire world.

The next reason why I think I deserve this scholarship is that this is the only profession that I am passionate about. Being a pilot is not a just hobby or something that slimly interests me. Flying is all I want to do, and I am completely invested in it. Some people go into college undecided, which is completely normal, but I know exactly what I want to do with the rest of my life, and no one can talk me out of it. I wish I could say I am already in too deep, but I am only getting started. My final reason why I think I should get this scholarship is that I was born in Nashville and lived in Mount Juliet my entire life, making me a Wilson County resident since birth. I just graduated from Mount Juliet Highschool in late May. I am a very hard worker and I was able to maintain a 4.2 GPA my entire senior year and graduated with honors and distinction. My school also allowed upperclassmen to be a part of the Nation Honors Society by invite only, which I was a part of my junior and senior years. MJHS also had two aerospace-related classes that I took my junior year and absolutely loved. I am currently taking flight lessons at Lebanon Municipal Airport, which is where the Bill Sattler Memorial Foundation for Aviation is based. I have completed both my solo and towered solo flights, and I am studying for my written test. I love setting personal goals for myself, so before the end of August, I am planning on getting my private pilot's license. That way when I go to Middle Tennessee State University in the fall of this year, I will be one step ahead of the game. I will be majoring in aviation and going through their pro-pilot program. The transition from high school to college is very intimidating for almost

everyone, but I know exactly what lies ahead for me and the path I am going to take, so it takes a lot of that stress off of my shoulders.

I get asked quite frequently what I want my life to look like in 10 years, and one thing is always the same: being a professional pilot. Once I have all of my certifications and I graduate college with my aviation degree I want to go straight into the airlines. If I got to choose which airline I want to fly for now, I would say either Delta or American, but I would be happy with a different airline too! I know one thing for sure, as long as I am flying and traveling the world, I will be extremely content with my life. My long-term goal is to be able to fly a Boeing 767 or an Airbus A220. I want to be able to fly internationally to different parts of the world. I find traveling to other countries a very eye-opening experience. Getting the opportunity to see many different cultures have inspired me and changed the way that I think about life, and I hope everyone if they get the chance, can travel and have their perspective on life changed too. 10 years from now I will almost be 28, which sounds crazy to say but I am sure it will come before I know it. When I am 28 hopefully, I will be married and possibly be thinking about starting a family, but I am definitely not one to rush something like that. All of my friends know me as the independent and strong-willed person of the group, so once I make up my mind about something that I am passionate about, it would take a miracle to change my mind.

Aviation is one of the few factors in my life that I know will never change. As much joy and fulfillment flying gives me, I do not know how I could work a 9 to 5 job sitting at a desk. I am thrilled to continue my flight path at Lebanon Municipal Airport and then into MTSU's flight program where I will excel in learning everything I need to know and only growing my passion for flying.