



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

A look at The Sporty's
Foundation 2020 activity
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Helping to ensure a healthy
general aviation community
for the next generation

A MESSAGE FROM THE SPORTY'S FOUNDATION

After a few years of growth in the aviation industry and a bright outlook for general aviation, the COVID-19 pandemic took hold in early 2020 and devastated the economy. General aviation was hit especially hard, with flight schools forced to shut down for months. It also became apparent that large in-person gatherings would be difficult to safely conduct during the pandemic. This led to the postponement or cancellation of national airshows and fly-ins, including Sun 'n Fun, EAA AirVenture, and countless smaller aviation events around the country.

General aviation enjoyed a better second half of the year as pilots who may have had plans to travel via airlines instead chose to either rent an aircraft or fly their own aircraft for business trips or vacations. After the initial shock of the pandemic, and its impact on the economy, the general consensus was that, while the opportunities for pilots and technicians short-term are diminished, the long-term need for these positions remains strong. This is why it remains a focus of the Sporty's Foundation to continue supporting young people in pursuit of their aviation dreams, especially in these difficult times.

The Foundation continued to build and develop partnerships with families who share the vision to help encourage young people with an interest in aviation. For the second straight year, the Foundation partnered with the family of Richard Collins to co-sponsor the Richard Collins Writing Prize for Young Pilots. Family of the late pilot examiner and CFI, Dave Stahl, chose the foundation as a recipient of gifts in his memory. The Dave Stahl Checkride Scholarship was created and the first awards will be announced in early 2021.

We wish to thank all of our donors and supporters, whose contributions help to support the Foundation's work to support young people as they pursue their aviation pathway.

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GRANTS & GIFTS

The Sporty's Foundation continued its support of aviation and youth development programs in 2020.





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THE COMPANY BEHIND THE FOUNDATION

Sporty's has been in the aviation community for 60 years and we have always made a priority of supporting the aviation industry. Throughout the years, we have seen ups and downs, but we are committed to the project of helping young people pursue their aviation dreams. While 2020 was a tough year for those working toward or working in the aviation industry, Sporty's maintained our level of support for The Sporty's Foundation. We want to plant the seeds now so they bloom when times are good and career opportunities are bright.



Women in Aviation Scholarship	\$5,000	Aviation Exploring Scholarships	\$60,000
Scholarship for a small aircraft mechanic to learn to fly		Scholarships for Aviation Explorers, members of aviation clubs for teenagers	
FlyGIRL/Women in Aviation Scholarship	\$2,000	Recreational Aviation Foundation	\$10,000
		Barn build at Ryan Field, Montana	
University of Cincinnati	\$6,000	Experimental Aircraft Association Foundation	\$25,000
CFI Scholarships		Support of general aviation organization	
University of Cincinnati Aviation Scholarships	\$20,000	AOPA Foundation - You Can Fly Challenge	\$10,000
In support of university students pursuing a career as a professional pilot		A suite of AOPA programs to make flying more accessible and affordable	
Boy Scouts of America	\$5,000	Aircraft Electronics Association Scholarship	\$5,000
Friends of Scouting Campaign		To support an AEA member technician in learning to fly	
Richard L. Collins Writing Prize for Young Pilots	\$2,500	Flight Crew Scholarships	\$5,000
A writing contest for young pilots who share an event that shaped their aviation future		Flight Training Scholarships	
Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance	\$1,000	Naval Aviation Museum Foundation	\$2,500
Maintenance Tool Scholarship		Funds to help the museum preserve the history and heritage of naval aviation	
Patient Airlift Services (PALS)	\$1,000		
Free general aviation air transportation for individuals requiring medical services			
Commemorative Air Force	\$1,000		
Find and preserve a World War II-era combat aircraft for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations			
		TOTAL FUNDING FOR 2020:	
		\$161,000	

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The Sporty's Foundation is honored to have had pilots or aviation enthusiasts designate the Foundation as a recipient of memorial donations upon the individual's death. These funds can be designated to be used for a scholarship or to support the Foundation's mission to help ensure a healthy general aviation community.

DAVE STAHL MEMORIAL CHECKRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Dave Stahl was a Designated Pilot Examiner who administered hundreds of checkrides to pilots in Southwest Ohio. Many of these checkrides were at the Clermont County/Sporty's Airport with Sporty's Academy and University of Cincinnati students. Upon Dave's passing in 2020, his family designated The Sporty's Foundation as a recipient of donations in memory of Dave. The donated funds were used to deliver a series of scholarships to help fund checkrides for students who are in need of financial assistance to help them finish earning their pilot certificate or rating.





RICHARD L. COLLINS WRITING PRIZE FOR YOUNG PILOTS

In 2020, the Collins family once again donated royalties from Collins's book sales to The Sporty's Foundation to fund The Richard L. Collins Writing Prize for Young Pilots. To qualify, the writer must be a pilot (including student pilot) who is 24 years of age or younger. The article must be original, not previously published, and no longer than 1,500 words.

Chandler Webb, a 19-year old commercial pilot from Oregon, was selected as the winner of the second annual prize for his article, "Pilot in Command." The submission was selected as the entry that best answered this year's writing prompt: "an event that changed or shaped the author's flying." Chandler's article, which was published in Air Facts, recounts a long cross-country flight with his mother and father that didn't go as planned, and the valuable lessons he learned.



▲ CHANDLER WEBB
Richard L. Collins Writing Prize Winner

YOUNG EAGLES WORKSHOPS



In 2019, the Experimental Aircraft Association approached The Sporty's Foundation with the idea of EAA offering young people an enhanced aviation experience that would be delivered in-person by EAA chapters. This new program, Young Eagles Workshops, offers EAA chapters the opportunity to host aviation day camps for young people in their communities. With input from members, EAA developed content for chapters to use during these camps and the materials were flexible enough to be used in a single-day camp all the way up to a week-long day camp. The Sporty's Foundation made a donation to help kick-off this program development. With additional funds that were remaining, the cost of the day camp kit was partially underwritten, which allowed the day camp kits to be delivered at a significant discount to EAA chapters.

The Young Eagles Workshops launched in mid-2020 with great interest from chapters. Fifteen chapters quickly signed up to enroll in the program and several workshops have already been delivered.



DONOR SUPPORT

Here are the individuals and organizations which share our vision for a diverse and thriving general aviation community now and in the future. Thank you for joining us on this important mission!



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, a significant investment is made by The Sporty's Foundation to help young people who are pursuing careers in aviation. A concerted effort is made to emphasize and support those pursuing pilot careers as well as those in the maintenance segment of aviation.



HEARING FROM PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND LEARNING HOW THE SUPPORT THEY RECEIVED FROM THE FOUNDATION IS INCREDIBLY REWARDING. TO THE RIGHT IS A NOTE WE RECEIVED FROM A 2017 AVIATION EXPLORING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, SKYLAR PETERSON.

LEOGA FOFUNG - TULSA, OK

2020 Women in Aviation Scholarship recipient
Flight training funds for aviation mechanic
Enrolled in Tulsa Tech Aviation Generals Powerplant
American Airlines - Material Logistics Specialist
CAREER GOAL: Aviation Maintenance Technician
NEXT STEP: Earn private pilot certificate to help elevate understanding of aircraft

PATRICK VASQUEZ - MESA, AZ

2020 Aviation Exploring Scholarship recipient
Member of Aviation Exploring Post 2352
AGE: 15 years old
CAREER GOAL: Airline pilot or medical rescue pilot
NEXT STEP: Hopes to solo on 16th birthday

MIKAYLA WEISS - GRAND FORKS, ND

2020 Aviation Exploring Scholarship recipient
Member of Aviation Exploring Post 2777
AGE: 18 years old
CAREER GOAL: Airline pilot or air ambulance pilot
NEXT STEP: Recently enrolled at University of North Dakota

“ I am writing to you today as a follow up for the scholarship I was awarded 3 years ago. Receiving this scholarship has truly been life changing, without it there is not a chance I would be where I'm at today. I currently hold a commercial pilot license with single engine land & sea, multiengine land, with instrument. Last summer I was hired to fly pipeline patrol in Traverse City, Michigan. It has been keeping me very busy. Along with pipeline I also fly a variety of airplanes doing ferry trips, floatplanes, King Air 90/200 and a TBM 900 on part 91 legs. My total time is now up to 800 with some turbine time as well. Again, I can't express how thankful I am to have been the recipient of this scholarship. ”



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