

2026 Scholarship Recipients

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ALEXIS HEISE - EL DORADO HILLS

Currently attending Embry-Riddle University in Florida studying Aeronautical Science, this future commercial pilot was inspired by her father's 28 years in the Navy. She sees aviation as something that creates opportunities, connects people, and carries a lot of responsibility and she can't wait to be a part of it.



JEREMY SANTOS - ROSEVILLE

As a Mechanical Engineer major with an emphasis in Aerospace at San Diego State, Jeremy is passionate about his future career field. During a recent internship, he worked alongside specialized engineers to repair 500 various aircraft parts.



DAKSU MANMANI - FOLSOM

Studying Applied Mathematics at UC Berkley, he wants to bring models that forecast structural behavior, flag anomalies before they become failures, and make aircraft safer and smarter.



OLIVER BARNES - BENECIA

Studying at UC Davis, this future Aerospace Engineer was inspired by his father, a REACH pilot, and the Airshow to increase flight safety for commercial and military aircraft. But that's not all, he gives back to his community through the Sierra Service Program.



SWAPNIL BOTU - ROSEVILLE

Studying at UC Berkeley, he plans to apply machine learning and software engineering to aerospace systems, helping build technology that makes aircraft and spacecraft smarter, safer, and more capable. This stellar student also published a peer-reviewed research paper at Vanderbilt University.



SHREYA CHANDRA - DAVIS

This future Rocket Scientist' wants to build a long term career at the intersection of aerospace engineering, human spaceflight, and mission design. As a grad student at UC Davis, she wants to contribute to the development of vehicles that expand access to space while maintaining uncompromising safety standards.



SETH KONOW - ROSEVILLE

He is studying Aerospace Engineering with a focus in Astronautics at Embry-Riddle University so he can go into the Space Force and design new ways to keep our country and our allies safe.

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GREGORY RUBIO - MATHER

This Eagle Scout and Private Pilot, plans to study Aeronautical Science at Embry-Riddle University. It is his dream to become a commercial airline pilot, but he also plans to give back to future generations of aviators.



GIANA ORHUE - ELK GROVE

Currently studying General Aviation at Liberty University, her love of Physics, engineering, and technical skills led her to the aviation industry.



BROOKE GASCON - LOMA RICA

As a Private Pilot, she plans to study Aeronautical Science at William Jessup University in hopes of having a career in aviation that gives back to the broader community.



ANNA OMAN - SACRAMENTO

This Sac State Electrical Engineer major, with a passion for power systems, enjoys solving complex real-world problems. She has worked hard to learn the USA school system, putting in extra hours to maintain her high GPA.



MATEO BARRY - ELK GROVE

With a long history of family in the aerospace industry and years of attending the Airshow he was inspired to pursue an Aerospace Engineering degree at Cal Poly Pomona.

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