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Airservices supports women's flying dreams through flight scholarships

The dream of a career in aviation is closer for four women thanks to financial support from Airservices Australia, the national air traffic services provider.

The four pilots have won flight training scholarships offered in conjunction with the Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA). The winners were announced at the AWPA Annual General Meeting in Bunbury WA on Saturday, 21 April.

Each winner receives \$6,000 to subsidise the cost of obtaining a private or commercial pilot's licence. An additional \$2,000 is awarded to the women as bonus payments on achieving milestones.

Airservices spokesman Rob Walker said the scholarships were designed to support the sustainability of the general aviation community and to promote careers in aviation.

"We are pleased to support AWPA and its goals for women pilots in the future of Australia aviation. Airservices congratulates all the winners, and encourages them to pursue their commercial pilot's license," Mr Walker said.

"One of last year's winners has recently accepted her first flying position in the industry after successfully achieving a commercial pilot license, which demonstrates how valuable these scholarships are in assisting these women pursue their flying dreams."

Recipients of the 2012 AWPA and Airservices Flight Training Scholarships are:

- Danielle Labinsky, 25, **Toowoomba, QLD**. Flight training at the Darling Downs Aero Club and a volunteer for Mission Aviation Fellowship
- Jessamyn Cull, 26, **Carmel, WA**. Flight training at the Royal Aero Club of Western Australia, Jandakot. Works with Qantas ground services, Perth
- Alice Klingberg, 20, **Frewville, SA**. Flight training at Forsyth Aviation, Parafield. Completed Advanced Diploma of Aviation, TAFE SA in 2011
- Tammy Augustin, 40, **North Haven, SA**. Flight training at Forsyth Aviation, Parafield and active airport volunteer who played a major role in organising the recent Parafield Airshow.

Airservices also sponsors two Private Pilots' License (PPL) Charts and Documents Awards (\$550 including GST) of the geographically relevant charts and documents required by a student pilot for the navigation phase of their PPL training. The winners are: Kara Robinson, **Manly West, QLD** and Jasmine Morris, **Healesville, VIC**.

This year's recipients of the flight training scholarships were chosen from a field of applicants who had demonstrated an interest in flying and were supported by their flying instructors. Applicants must be a member of AWPA, at least 18 years of age and have commenced flight training.

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