

# Media release

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## Aviators in the making—scholarships help young people to fly

Airservices has awarded 10 young Australians with a Giving Young Flyers Training Support (GYFTS) scholarship to encourage them to learn to fly and support their dreams of a career in aviation.

Offered in conjunction with Recreational Aviation Australia (RA-Aus), the scholarships are valued at \$2500 and will assist young people to complete their flight training.

Airservices Executive General Manager Corporate and Industry Affairs, Mairi Barton, congratulated the scholarship winners and highlighted the need to attract young people to the aviation industry.

“We hope that through these scholarships we inspire young people to continue their training and obtain their pilot licences,” Ms Barton said.

“It is important that we attract and retain the next generation of aviators as we begin to plan for future industry growth, including a 60 per cent increase in air travel over the next 15 years.”

Recipients of the Airservices GYFTS scholarships are:

- Beau-Jacob McAuley, 17 years, Coffs Harbour Aero Club, NSW
- Brianna Willoughby, 15 years, George Town Aerodrome, TAS
- Clare Millett, 15 years, Bathurst Aero Club, NSW
- Connal Martin, 14 years, Coominya Flight Training, QLD
- James Kissell, 14 years, Murray Bridge Light Aircraft Flying School, SA
- Juan Sperling, 18 years, Pathfinder Aviation, Archerfield, QLD
- Leah Barber, 22 years, Pathfinder Aviation, Archerfield, QLD
- Nash Goode, 15 years, Corowa Recreational Flying, VIC
- Nicholas Thompson, 16 years, Caboolture Recreational Aviation, QLD
- Toby Mallon, 16 years, Jindabyne Aero Club, NSW

The applicants were assessed on their commitment to aviation, an aptitude for flying and financial need.

The financial support of the scholarship has allowed previous winners to continue with their flying lessons, and many have either entered the Royal Australian Air Force or have become commercial pilots.

Airservices is committed to fostering future careers in the aviation industry by sponsoring multiple associations that offer scholarships including the Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia and the Australian Women Pilots Association.

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