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Whirly-Girls International Scholarship Fund is grateful to their sponsors providing beginning and advanced flight scholarships as well as maintenance opportunities.

Whirly-Girls International, a non-profit, educational, and charitable organization dedicated to advancing women in the helicopter aviation industry, has announced the recipients of the 2025 Midyear and 2026 main season Scholarship Awards. The scholarships were awarded at the Whirly-Girls Annual Gala during VERTICON in Atlanta, Georgia. The largest scholarship program in the helicopter industry is made possible with the support of aviation leaders, and 45 scholarships were presented to deserving female aviators and maintainers.

Recipients of the 2025 Midyear Whirly-Girls scholarships are:

- **Margarita Casanova** – Kratis Practical Application of Aviation Safety Management System (SMS) Scholarship
- **Victoria Marsden** – Kratis Aviation Safety Leadership Scholarship
- **Paola Sisconetto** – Kratis Aviation Psychological Safety Scholarship

Recipients of the 2026 Whirly-Girls scholarships are:

- **Ali Moses** - Whirly-Girls Memorial Flight Training Scholarship
- **Olivia Fuller** - Whirly-Girls Initial/Add-on Flight Training Scholarship
- **Teodora Luna** - Whirly-Girls Jean Tinsley Memorial VERTICON Scholarship
- **Lilly Loraas, Sarah Wyman & Debbie Paulsen** – 3G Getting Started with Helicopters Scholarship
- **Mariah Dugan & Jewell Carr** - Anastasia Mosquito Control District Ag Spray Scholarship
- **Lora Anderson** - Bristow Group Initial Helicopter Flight Training Scholarship
- **Ashlie Christian** - CAE SK-76 Initial Training for Helicopter ATP Scholarship
- **Henrietta Davies** – Coptersafety EASA Type Rating Instructor (TRI) Course Scholarship
- **Bethany Fulton** - Edward M Thurn Memorial Scholarship
- **Elise Stables** - Flight Safety International Bell 206/Bell 407 Scholarship
- **Kerry Hahne, Wanchi Tang & Petra Pagil** - Garmin GTN & Flight Display Pilot Training Course Scholarship
- **Suzanne Mather & Corrina Kelly** - Garmin Aviation Online Training Course Scholarship
- **Hanna Curtius** - Leading Edge Flight Academy & Central Oregon Community College Helicopter Instrument Rating Scholarship
- **Jerry Hendricks & Lovel Thakur** - Leonardo Helicopters AW169 Flight Training Course Scholarship
- **Arlene Delgado & Alicia Giroux** - Leonardo Helicopters AW139 Full Airframe Maintenance Course Scholarship
- **Ansley Baza** - Lora Trout Remembrance Initial or Commercial Training Scholarship
- **Laura Deatherage** - MD Helicopters MD500 Flight Training Scholarship
- **Alexandra Ingold, Bona Hong & Emily Kandt** - MD Helicopters MD500 series Maintenance Training Scholarship
- **Casey Campbell, Petra Pagil & Isabella Whitmore** - Oregon Aero CRM/AMRM Instructor Training Scholarship
- **Olivia Bassett & Deepika Rana** - PHI Aviation Bell 407 Scholarship
- **Emily Lord** – PHI-APAC Initial or Advancing Helicopter Flight Training Scholarship
- **Emma Bristow** – Precision LLC/ Pureflight Aviation Training LLC Vertical Reference/External Load Scholarship
- **Raquel Snow** - Robinson Helicopters R22/R44 Safety Course Scholarship

- **Alexa Dunn** - Robinson Helicopters R66 Safety Course Scholarship
- **Sepideh Kianbakht & Karina Gaynutdinova** - Robinson Helicopters R66 Safety Course Scholarship
- **Nicole Doheny & Sofia Gilchrist** - Survival Systems USA Aviation Survival & Egress Scholarship
- **Alicia Giroux, Samantha Grady, Arlene Delgado & Rachel Trottier** - Timberline UH60 Maintenance Training Scholarship

"We have been incredibly fortunate again with the 2025 midyear and 2026 Scholarship offering which has reached again close to \$600,000 in scholarship awards. The continued generosity and support from our Sponsors is incredible; New sponsors were added; Dollar amounts of certain scholarships were increased; a variety of Maintenance Scholarships were added and the quality of deserving applicants and recipients was yet again inspiring. We would not be able to offer these opportunities to our members without our Sponsor's support and would like to express our sincere gratitude for their help in supporting women in the helicopter industry" said Kitty Seerden, Whirly-Girls International VP of Scholarships.

The Whirly-Girls Scholarship Fund, Inc. ("WGSF") was incorporated to oversee and administer the scholarship funds raised by the Whirly-Girls and their Associates. Initiated in 1968, the scholarship program has grown from a single \$500 scholarship to a wide range of training and development scholarships valued today at \$600,000. For more information on Whirly-Girls International, please visit www.whirlygirls.org